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What did REL Midwest do in 2018? Check out our year in review!

We tallied up all our research, training, coaching, and engagement work for 2018, and it was a productive year! See what we accomplished and browse the resources we produced.

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Building the capacity of school boards to address opportunity gaps for Black students

School boards can play a critical role in closing opportunity and achievement gaps, particularly as relate to race and equity. Learn how REL Midwest is building the capacity of Wisconsin school board members to support Black students.

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Documentary: Play-based learning in kindergarten

Watch our new documentary to explore what kindergarteners can gain from play-based learning. Leading experts in the field discuss the cognitive and social-emotional benefits of play, and two Chicago-area school districts describe how their kindergarten programs are incorporating play-based learning.

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Resource Roundup: Ask A REL

Interested in research on a specific education topic? Our free Ask A REL reference desk is the perfect place to start. Read on to browse some of our recent Ask A RELs—and submit a question of your own.

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Study spotlight: Analysis of Illinois district-level reading achievement outcomes in kindergarten and grade 1 by student characteristics

Early intervention can make all the difference for struggling readers. Our new study uses data from two Illinois districts to identify the characteristics of kindergarten and grade 1 students at risk of failing to reach grade-level reading milestones. A report of the findings will be published in spring 2020.

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