New Factsheet

What Is Play-based Learning in Kindergarten? A Resource for Parents and Caregivers

This factsheet highlights the components of a play-based learning approach in kindergarten and provides illustrated examples of how students learn academic and social-emotional skills through play.

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Related Resource:

- Blog: Prioritizing Play: The Importance of Play-based Learning in Early Education

New Blog

Success After Graduation: The Importance of Early College and Career Opportunities

Many students are not college- or career-ready out of high school. This blog discusses the benefits of early college and career opportunities and how states in the Northeast & Islands region are providing high school students with access to these opportunities.

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**Middle School Math is an Important Bridge to Lifelong STEM Learning and Success**

Middle school is a critical time to capture students’ interest in math. This infographic from REL Midwest details how middle school math teachers can boost students’ engagement and confidence in math.

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- REL Northwest Blog: [Addressing Working Conditions in Alaska to Improve Teacher Recruitment & Retention](#)

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**New Summary: Assisting Students Struggling with Mathematics—Intervention in the Elementary Grades**

This new WWC practice guide summary highlights six evidence-based recommendations educators can use when teaching elementary students who are struggling with mathematics.

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**Additional IES Resources:**
- NCSER Blog: [Empowering the Families of Black Autistic Children through Culturally Responsive, Community-Based Interventions](#)
- NCER Blog: [Innovative Approaches to High Quality Assessment of SEL Skills](#)
- NCEE Report: [Federal Support for Attracting, Training, and Retaining Educators: How Districts Receiving Teacher and School Leader Grants Use Their Funds](#)
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