

Northwest Connection Family Resources

2024 Virtual Learning Series

Tuesdays

6pm - 8pm CST via Zoom

\$30 Registration Fee

(One fee to attend one or all)

Balancing the Classroom Canoe

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Learn strategies about how to reduce children's negative behavior issues and make the most out of your classroom space by balancing the placement as well as children's engagement with the furniture. Discover square footage that you didn't even know you had—and without the cost of construction.

A Calm Brain is a Thinking Brain

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Childhood anxiety is a common and complex issue that can significantly impact a child's development, well-being, and ability to thrive. Anxious children often struggle with feelings of fear, worry, and apprehension that can interfere with their ability to think. Learn how to design a calm classroom environment, which leads to calm, thinking brains.

Presentation includes the three levels of the brain (survival, emotional, and thinking) and their relationship to children's learning.

Busy is a Given: Chaos is a Choice

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Based on the article, Breaking the Aesthetic Code

There are many traditionally accepted codes that permeate early childhood spaces, such as the notion that walls filled with children's work indicate productivity, an abundance of commercially-purchased toys indicates a well-equipped space, and full shelves result in learning. Early childhood experts are beginning to look at new ways to break these antiquated codes by designing beautiful classroom environments that support young children.

Dr. Sandra Duncan

Sandra works to assure the miracle and magic of childhood through indoor and outdoor play spaces that are intentionally designed to connect young children to their early learning environments, communities, and neighborhoods. Dr. Duncan is an international consultant, author of seven books focused on the environmental design of early childhood places, designer of two furniture collections called Sense of Place and Sense of Place for Wee Ones, and adjunct faculty at Nova Southeastern University. Sandra has designed and taught university courses on built learning environments and has collaborated with architects, interior designers, and educators to create extraordinary places and possibilities for children and students of all ages.

Sandra's Publications Include:

Inspiring Spaces for Young Children
Rating Observation Scale for Inspiring Spaces
Rethinking the Classroom Landscape: Creating Environments that Connect Young Children, Families, and Communities
Through A Child's Eyes: How Classroom Design Inspires Learning and Wonder
Bringing the Outside In: Ideas for Creating Nature-Based Classroom Experiences for Young Children
The Honeycomb Hypothesis: How Infants, Toddlers, and Two-Year Olds Learn Through Nature Play (NEW RELEASE)
Designing Inspiring Environments for Infants, Toddlers, and Two-Year Olds: Lessons from Nature



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