

Growing a Learner: Creating a Learning Culture in Your Home

Resources for Families

Websites

- **Education at Bright Horizons** (www.brighthouse.com/education) Parents are children's first and most influential teachers. On our new site we have brought together information, activities, and resources to help you on your parenting journey.
- **Learning at Home** (www.brighthouse.com/education/learning) offers parents opportunities to extend their child's learning through simple activities that are fun, and fit into the busy lives of families. *Learning at Home* provides a database of printable activities for infants through school-age children to do at home with parents, many that naturally occur in daily routines.
- **Growing** (www.brighthouse.com/growing) is a family destination website with Bright Horizons resources, information, and programs focused on helping children grow and learn. From parenting tips to encouraging young readers to building school readiness, you can find it all here.
- **e.family news** (www.brighthouse.com/efamilynews) Written by early education experts, e.family news is a free weekly electronic newsletter providing advice, strategies, tips, resources, and news about current parenting issues you may be facing. Topics covered range from the practical to the peculiar; the lighthearted to the sublime, and everything in between. Sample issues include:
 - **Conversations with Children: How it Shapes Their Brains and Prepares Them for Success in School**
 - **Quality Time: Special Play Time**
 - **On the Road: Commuting With Your Young Children**
 - **Batter Up! Cooking with Children**
- **School Readiness Study** (www.brighthouse.com/education/school_readiness) This current study surveyed elementary school teachers and parents to determine the school preparedness – academically, socially, and emotionally -- of Bright Horizons graduates.
- **READY for SCHOOL News** (www.brighthouse.com/growing/readyforschool) Facilitating a smooth and successful transition from Bright Horizons' preschool or kindergarten programs to public or private schools is a major goal for all of our programs. Each month a feature article is posted to this site to supplement and highlight materials from our READY for SCHOOL program.
 - **Characteristics of Success**
 - **Parents Play a Role in Encouraging Math and Science**
 - **Encouraging Early Writing**



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Books

- *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards: How Our Children Really Learn And Why They Need To Play More And Memorize Less*, by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek & Roberta Michnick Golinkoff
- *Endangered Minds*, by Jane M. Healy
- *The Power of Play: Learning What Comes Naturally*, by David Elkind
- *The Mister Rogers Parenting Book*, by Fred Rogers

Partners

- B. toys (www.justb-byou.com)
- Barefoot Books (www.barefootbooks.com)
- Folkmanis Puppets (www.folkmanis.com)

