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A place to discover good, inexpensive materials for providing effective services to young children and their families.

Music is a natural way for children to explore the world and to interact with their social environment. It can motivate and encourage young children's learning and development during daily transitions and routines. This column features resources on incorporating music into young children's routines.

Songs and Laughter on the Playground

Petra Kern and
Angela M. Snell (2007)

The 17 goal-oriented songs in this book support outdoor play for children with and without disabilities. Text accompanying each song offers connections between the music and learning opportunities (e.g., songs can teach names). All songs have been created in clinical practice settings and sung many times by children, teachers, and therapists. Strategies for successful implementation and suggestions for different ability levels are included.

DeLaVista Publisher

<http://www.lulu.com/content/1236743>

Cost: \$18.95

Lullabies to Download

Languages From the Cradle is a European Union-funded project to collect and share lullabies in seven European languages—Czech, Danish, English, Greek, Italian, Romanian, and Turkish—to promote cultural connections and language awareness

at a young age. The Web site currently features recordings of common lullabies with accompanying words in multiple languages.

<http://www.lullabies-of-europe.org/>

Songs for Teaching

SongsForTeaching.com has a collection of songs geared to young children with special needs. Songs come from a variety of resources and are reviewed to ensure they meet the company's standards for musical and/or educational value. Printable lyrics and teaching tips are included for many songs. Music is available on CD or by download for a fee.

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/specialneeds.htm>

Tuned In to Learning

Tuned In to Learning is a comprehensive music-assisted curriculum designed to support learning for children with autism, Down syndrome, Williams syndrome, brain injury, learning disabilities, speech disorders, orthopedic impairments, and other learning

needs. A free sampler CD, containing one full-length song from each of the nine Tuned In to Learning volumes, is available at the Web site.

<http://www.tunedintolearning.com>

Songs for Every Season

Preschool Express is a free online educational activity resource for parents, teachers, and grandparents of toddler (1 to 3) and preschool (3 to 5) children. Its Music and Rhyme Station includes the lyrics and tunes for songs related to each of the four seasons that can be used to engage children with and without disabilities.

http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music_station.shtml

Music Eases Transitions and Encourages Learning

Visit this multimedia collection to read research about the therapeutic benefits of music, listen to an informative podcast with a music therapist, or download songs to use with children.

http://www.fpg.unc.edu/Products/music_transitions.cfm

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I Will Be Your Friend: Songs and Activities for Young Peacemakers Teaching Tolerance (2003)

This musical anthology grew from the proud tradition of singing for social change. Offerings range from a Native American chant to African American poetry and from songs of friendship and belonging from immigrant communities across the United States to classics new and old. This free resource includes a 26-song CD and accompanying print materials.

I Will Be Your Friend Teaching Tolerance,
Order Department 400 Washington
Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104
[http://www.tolerance.org/teach/current/
event.jsp?cid=414](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/current/event.jsp?cid=414)

DEC Announcements

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Announcing the Release of the Young Exceptional Children Series Monograph No. 10

This monograph couldn't come at a better time. If you want the very latest information, order your copy of *Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers and their Families: Practices and Outcomes* today. Monograph No. 10 is available for online purchase at www.dec-sped.org for \$15.00. Remember that DEC members receive a member discount on all online purchases!

Mark Your Calendars for DEC•2009!

If you missed DEC•2008, you missed an amazing opportunity to connect with colleagues in early intervention and early childhood special education. Attendees are still talking about the amazing array of sessions, the hot topics covered in the workshops, the crazy opening reception, and the wonderful chance to learn from the perspective of others who share our passion. Now is the time to get DEC•2009 on your calendar! DEC's 25th annual International Conference on Young Children With Special Needs and their Families will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. And we are planning a party! Go to www.dec-sped.org/index.aspx/Conference for a sneak preview. Don't miss out on what DEC has in store for Albuquerque!

Need to Arrange a Gathering of Friends? A Meeting? A Social Event?

Consider hosting your event as part of the DEC conference in New Mexico. DEC is pleased to make available complimentary space for meetings hosted by our members. So if you want to schedule a focus group, convene a meeting of your subdivision, or hold a meeting with colleagues who are already gathered for the conference, call 406-543-0872 and ask for a meeting request form.

Have You Seen Our New Look?

The DEC Web site has been under construction while we redesign and envision how we can bring the most up-to-date information to you. Take a few moments to browse the Web site and see what's new. We think you'll like it! Check us out at www.dec-sped.org.

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children's friendships