Project Work References

Websites

http://www.edutopia.org/chard.html Sylvia Chard answers frequently asked questions about project work.

www.projectapproach.org The Project Approach website. Articles, sample projects, and links to other project sites. Most projects on this site are for preschool and early elementary.

www.edutopia.org The George Lucas Educational Foundation combines project work with technology. Most of the projects outlined are for middle and high schools; however, there are some elementary projects.

http://www.edutopia.org/start-pyramid Great article and video on project work.

http://www.legoengineering.com/ The Tufts Center for Engineering Educational Outreach provides information and resources regarding Lego Robotics.

http://www.p21.org/ Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a national organization that advocates for 21st century skills for all children—critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation.

http://www.dukeschool.org/home/home.asp Duke School’s website usually has sample projects on its home page and more under the Research portal.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQNUqVYJofE “Big Thinkers: Linda Darling-Hammond on Becoming Internationally Competitive”. In this video, Dr. Darling-Hammond explains her research. When examining the curriculum and instruction in countries that rank highest in student outcomes, she found these qualities in common: fewer standards and standards that focus on higher-level thinking skills, students engaged in inquiry-based projects, highly educated teachers who have up to 25 hours a week to plan collaboratively with colleagues.

For teachers of young children

http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/ Early Childhood Research & Practice (ECRP), a peer-reviewed electronic journal sponsored by the Early Childhood and Parenting (ECAP) Collaborative at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, covers topics related to the development, care, and education of children from birth to 8. Each issue contains an example of a project written by the teacher who designed it.

http://illinoisearlylearning.org The University of Illinois Early Learning Center is a wonderful resource for preschool and kindergarten teachers.

http://illinoispip.org/ Illinois Projects in Practice developed by Lilian Katz, Sylvia Chard and faculty at the Illinois Early Learning Center. (preschool-kindergarten)

http://ceep.crc.uiuc.edu/poptopics/project.html The Clearinghouse on Early Childhood Education and Parenting has a wealth of information on projects and other topics of interest for parents and teachers of young children.

For teachers of middle and high school age students

http://www.bie.org/index.php/site/PBL/overview_pbl/ The Buck Institute offers comprehensive information about project-based learning, particularly for middle and high school students.

http://pbl-online.org/ Based on the work of the Buck Institute, this site offers resources for designing and managing projects for middle school and high school.

Books


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Markham, T., Larner, J. & Ravitz, J. (2003) *Project-Based Learning Handbook*. Novato, CA: The Buck Institute for Education. This guide is designed for middle and high school teachers as they conceive, design and conduct projects.

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