



ILLINOIS EARLY LEARNING NEWS

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*** Revised Tip Sheets in English**

- Is My Child OK?
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/normaldev.htm>
- Organized Sports and Young Children
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/sports.htm>

*** Revised Tip Sheets in Spanish**

- ¿Está bien mi hijo?
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets-sp/normaldev-sp.htm>
- Los deportes organizados y los niños pequeños
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets-sp/sports-sp.htm>

To order IEL Tip Sheets online, please go to <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/7535374>.

*** New Video Clip in English and Spanish**

The latest video clip, *The Clock Repairman and His Tools*, illustrates how having a guest expert visit a class can enable children to get answers to their questions about a topic from someone with firsthand knowledge. To view the video clip, please go to <http://illinoisearlylearning.org/videos/clock.htm> and <http://illinoisearlylearning.org/videos/clock-sp.htm>

*** Illinois Projects in Practice Web Site (<http://illinoispip.org>)**

- A new project titled *Tools People Use*, which involved children from Karen McFadin and Kim Hack's half-day prekindergarten classroom at Pershing Early Learning Center in Decatur, was recently added to the IllinoisPIP Web site. To read about how the project progressed, along with photographs and the teacher's reflections, please go to <http://illinoispip.org/projects/tools.html>.
- Sallee Beneke's latest blog entry is titled *Moving from Thematic Units to Projects*. To read Sallee's blog, please go to <http://illinoispip.org/blogs/beneke/2010july09.html>.

*** Helpful Tip Sheet Series for Parents...**

Starting preschool or kindergarten can produce a little anxiety for parents and young children. Our *Beginning the School Year* Tip Sheets can help... Also in Spanish and Polish!

- Five Tips on Choosing a Preschool
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/preschoolchoice.htm>
- Your Child's First Day in Preschool
<http://www.illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/firstday.htm>
- Please Don't Go! Separation Anxiety and Children
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/sepanxiety.htm>
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/readykindergarten.htm>
- Starting Kindergarten? Help Make It a Good Experience!
<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/startingkinder.htm>

*** IEL Question-Answering Service**

Another service of the Illinois Early Learning Project is to provide reliable resources and information in response to your questions on the parenting, care, and education of young children in Illinois. To take advantage of this service, please call our toll-free number at 877-275-3227 during business hours, or send us your question using our online form at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/6654728>.

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