

# Nursery News

## Spring 2021

## Helpful Resources

The **Early Learning Video Series** is a wonderful resource for Administrators and Teachers. Be sure to share them with staff!



The New York State Education Department, New York Association for the Education of Young Children and the New York State Head Start Collaboration Office have developed a series of **Developmentally Appropriate Practice Briefs** that aim to support administrators, coaches, and teachers in making decisions that will lead to higher quality learning experiences for children. The newest brief, number eight highlights play as an instructional strategy.



Planning for January to June: Christine Herts and Kristi Mraz, Authors of Kids First from Day One have created planning resources to support early childhood educator “Plan for a Very Different Year” This link will provide planning charts for reflection on the physical environment, Social Emotional Environment and Responsive Teaching. [Click Here](#)

## Introduction

### A message from the Director...

Welcome to the new Nursery News. I am hoping that this bi-yearly newsletter will help Registered Nursery Schools and Kindergartens be more connected to the Office of Early Learning and the resources we have available. A reminder to all registered schools to contact the Office when you have staffing changes or director changes. The office must approve all new directors through a review of credentials. Many schools have been shifting how they serve families over the past year, if you ever have any questions or need assistance please feel free to reach out to our office for support.

-Jason Breslin NBCT, Director, Office of Early Learning

## Important Documents and Dates

**Staff Background Form**- Must be completed for ALL new hires and submitted to the Office of Early Learning.

**Staff Study Plan**- Must be completed for all lead teachers who are not permanently certified.

**2020-2021 Annual Report Due July 1, 2021** – This report is due for ALL registered schools yearly.

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