

# TULSA EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOK CLUB

(All books have been selected by Lisa Murphy, the Ooey Gooey Lady, and many book clubs will be meeting all over the country following the same book list.)

*WHY?* To increase our knowledge about various topics and issues within early childhood education.

**Fact #1:** We know that *playing* is the vehicle for school readiness.

**Fact #2:** We know that certain developmental milestones must be reached prior to a child being ready for formal instruction.

**Fact #3:** We have decades of data that supports *play* as a crucial element to a child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development.

**Fact #4:** Until early childhood educators become better at articulating what they know about the link between *play* and school readiness, we will continue to be pressured to push *play* out of the early childhood curriculum.

*Why a discussion group?* To engage in dialogue, banter and conversation that will: 1) assist in integration of the information contained in the books, 2) allow us to see the links between theory & practice and 3) increase our ability to clearly and confidently articulate what we know about best practice and the correlation between learning and playing.

*What do I need to do?* Read the books! Be ready to engage in reflective dialogue about the material. Although we encourage an informal, lively atmosphere the point is to engage in discussion in order to integrate the material so be ready to talk and share! Discussion starting points might include any or all of the following: What are your initial reactions to the book? Would you recommend it? Why? Will your practice change because of it? If so, be ready to talk about how. Do you have any questions you'd like to toss out? What are the key ideas you are taking away from reading it? How does the material support best practice? What did you learn?

*Do I need to come to all the meetings?* NO NO NO NO! Come to some, come to all, come to one, come to none! Whatever works for you. An RSVP is always appreciated! Call (716) 640-0334 or email [colleenwalling@gmail.com](mailto:colleenwalling@gmail.com)

## **2013 Books List: Start reading in December 2012 to be ready for January!**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Mind in the Making*, Ellen Galinsky  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb: *Free Range Kids*, Lenore Skenazy  
21<sup>st</sup> Mar: *A Mandate for Playful Learning in Preschool*, Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Roberta Michnick Golinkhoff, Laura Berk & Dorothy Singer.  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr: *Where did you go? Out. What did you do? Nothing.* Robert Paul Smith  
23<sup>rd</sup> May: *Brain Rules*, John Medina  
20<sup>th</sup> Jun: *The Sun's Not Broken, A Cloud's Just in the Way: On Child-Centered Teaching*, Sydney Clemens  
July: **NO MEETING!** Start reading the books for the remainder of the year  
22<sup>nd</sup> Aug: *Let Them Play! An Early Learning (Un)Curriculum*, Jeff Johnson & Denita Dinger **\*\*use coupon code OG-CODE when ordering from >>> <http://explorationsearlylearning.com/shop5/books.html>**  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Ready or Not*, Stacie Goffin & Valora Washington  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct: *Swinging Pendulums: Cautionary Tales for Early Childhood Education*, Carol Garhart Mooney  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov: *Einstein Never Used Flashcards*, Kathy Hirsh-Pasek & Roberta Michnick Golinkhoff  
Dec: **NO MEETING!** Start reading for 2014

**All are welcome. Active, lively participation is expected!**

**6:00 pm social gathering, 6:30 pm discussion begins. Please RSVP to Colleen by Jan 14<sup>th</sup>!**

**The Book Club will meet at Temple Israel Day Schools, located just behind Utica Square at 2004 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Place, Tulsa. We will meet the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of May and August when we will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.**