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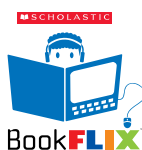
3 Resources for grades preK-3

Iowa AEA Online
Educational Resources Funded and Provided by Iowa's Area Education Agencies

Iowa AEA Online will introduce your child to a world of knowledge and exploration. Educators select these developmentally appropriate educational resources for all Iowa schools.

Free access is available at school and at home (Internet access required) to the following:

1



BookFLIX by Scholastic is an engaging online literacy resource that pairs classic fictional video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks. (Grades preK-3)

Watch



Read



2



Learning Zone by Britannica inspires curiosity through an interactive atlas, online art activities, games/learning materials, audio/video, and vocabulary builders. (Grades K-2)

Britannica Learning Zone



3



Kids InfoBits by Gale is a database developed especially for beginning researchers featuring elementary reference sources and magazines. (Grades K-5)

explore the resources
www.iowaaeaonline.org



Need a User ID and password?

Contact your teacher librarian or your child's teacher.



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PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Scholarships

The Parent Educator Partnership (PEP) program at Grant Wood AEA offers limited parent scholarships for some Grant Wood AEA workshops and local, state, and national conferences.

For more information about PEP parent scholarships, call Sara Kane at 319-399-6702 for information and to request the scholarship application form.

New Podcast Series Helps Youth Develop Soft Skills for Job Success

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability has launched a new podcast series for parents and families titled, "Helping Youth Develop Soft Skills for Job Success." The podcasts are available on the organization's website www.ncwd-youth.info/

Helping Youth Develop Soft Skills for Job Success (Podcast).



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WHAT IS PEP?

What is the Grant Wood AEA PEP Program?

- PEP is a program that helps in building partnerships with parents and educators to ensure the best outcomes for their children.
- It is a statewide program since 1985, supported by Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) with state and federal funds.
- Our PEP is a staff of four: two parents of children with special needs, an educator, and secretary.

Professional Development Opportunities Open to Parents

1. Click on [Professional Development](#) in the blue margins at the top right of the page.
2. Then click on [Courses & Workshops](#).
3. Read who is listed under Audience and look to see if Parents are included.
4. If Parents are listed, then pursue registering electronically or phone [PEP](#), 319-399-6702, to receive a hard copy of the registration form.
5. Scholarships may be available. Call PEP if a scholarship is needed.
6. Registering in advance is necessary.

For more information about each workshop, visit Grant Wood AEA's website and click on [Professional Development](#) or call the PEP Program at 319-399-6702.



Why would someone call PEP?

Parents: We have information on...

- How to prepare for your child's next IFSP or IEP meeting
- Parent/student rights and responsibilities
- Transition
- Information on services and support groups
- Workshops and conferences
- Resources available to check out
- Another parent to talk with

Educators and School Administrators: We have information on...

- Conferences, support groups, workshops or newsletters
- Someone to work with or support a parent
- Resources on specific disabilities or disability awareness and understanding
- Brochures regarding PEP, Parent Rights, and tools to prepare for IEP meetings

How do I reach one of the PEP staff?



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