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Spring Book Recommendations

Foundation for Early Learning is delighted to feature a guest article from Sally Chilson of Spokane Libraries, a member of the Early Learning Public Library Partnership. If you are interested in being featured in a future issue, please contact joel@earlylearning.org.

I love the promise of March! Seeing everything green up makes me think of my yard and garden and that enthusiasm finds its way into my story times. Here are some of my favorite springy picture books and some activities you can share with a child or group of children in your life.



[Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert](#)

I love sharing this book in the fall as well as the spring because it also talks about planting fall bulbs. This is an excellent book to read when you are planning to plant or pick flowers together.

[Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert](#)

This is another of my favorites by this author. If growing vegetables is more what you enjoy to do, Growing Vegetable Soup is the right choice before (or after) you head outside...

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Winter Photo Contest Winner

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER!

Foundation for Early Learning is pleased to announce our [Winter 2010 Photo Contest winner!](#)

Congratulations to Alycia M. from Tacoma, Washington, and many thanks to all participants for sharing their precious photos.



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For uploading the winning submission, Alycia receives a \$25 Starbucks gift card, a Newborn Baby Gift and is featured on the homepage of the [Early Learning Community](#)



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Expert Advice from Dr. Patricia

DISCOVER MORE TIPS ON THE EARLY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Foundation for Early Learning is thrilled to announce a new partnership with [Dr. Patricia Nan Anderson](#), an author, parent coach and early learning expert.

Dr. Patricia will be blogging on the Early Learning Community, answering questions in the [discussion forum](#), and providing podcasts and narrated slide shows on her [ELC tips page](#).

Join Dr. Anderson on the ELC



To explore recent posts from Dr. Anderson, click the links below.

- [Blog Posts](#)
- [Forum Discussions](#)
- [3-Minute Parenting Podcasts](#)
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Discover more tips each week from Dr. Patricia at <http://www.earlylearningcommunity.org/page/tips-from-dr-patricia-nan>

Dr. Anderson: The Biggest Secret

WHEN TO WORRY

A lot of times, moms and dads worry about specific stuff that's happening today, or happened last night, or might happen tomorrow. We worry a lot about sleep and eating and fevers and behavior. We often want to find the answer to each of these - the one thing that will solve an issue and put it to rest - and we're frustrated when that answer doesn't appear or doesn't seem to work very well.



The problem is, we're looking for the wrong thing. Being a parent is not just a series of tasks accomplished and child development milestones reached. It's not measured by the number of hours slept each night or by a child's score on a reading test. Being a parent is about developing a

human being. And human development doesn't happen simply or overnight or even this year. It happens over time and forever...

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Calling All Parent and Community Groups

FREE RESOURCES FOR PARENT GROUPS

Are you involved with a parenting or community group like MOMS, PEPS or CIS in Washington State? [Contact us, we can help!](#)

Foundation for Early Learning is offering free publications, online tools and support for you and your parenting group.



To learn more about this effort, or to recommend a parenting group that would benefit from these free resources, please contact Communications and Community Outreach Intern [Evette Jasper](#) at evette@earlylearning.org.

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