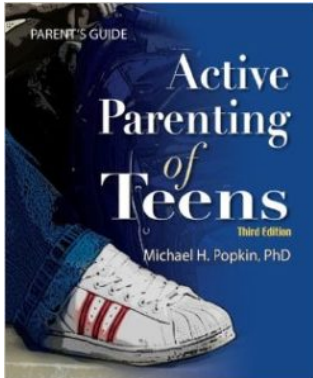
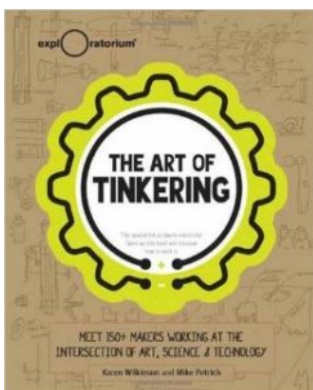


# Books | Products

The following reviewed books, references, and products can provide you with added information and resources that are relevant to various blogs:



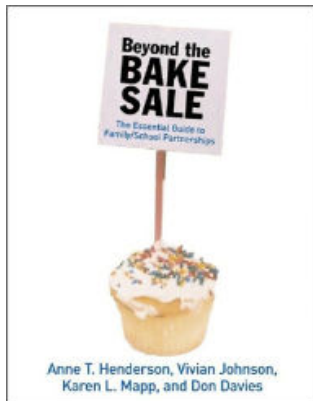
Active Parenting of Teens by Michael H. Popkin, published by Active Parenting. This book is a good resource for parents of preteens and teens. It provides parents with an understanding of adolescents' physical and emotional development, and strategies for effective communication and problem-solving. Parents learn what they can do to support their children through this critical time in their development.



The Art of Tinkering by Karen Wilkinson and Mike Petrich, published by Weldon Owen in 2013

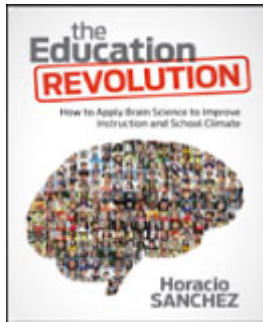
This is a book of activities combining art, science, and technology written by the directors of the Exploratorium of San Francisco's Tinkering Lab. Tinkering encourages students of all ages to explore and experiment with various media, tools and everyday objects to better understand

how the world works. These activities encourage students to take things apart and create new things. Parents can engage with their children in these creative endeavors.

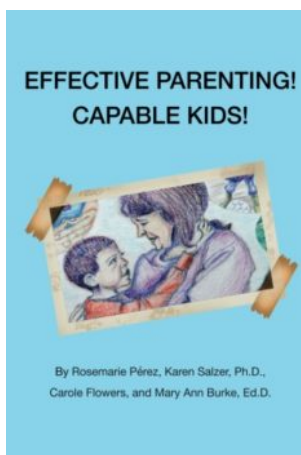


Beyond the Bake Sale, The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships by Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp, Vivian R. Johnson and Don Davies, published by The New Press in 2007

This book is a guide for developing meaningful home-school partnerships where power is shared by all stakeholders for the benefit of students. Various checklists are provided to guide the process covering topics such as bridging racial, class and cultural differences and evaluating school district support and community engagement.



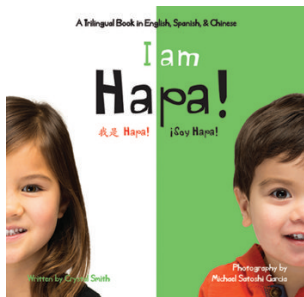
The Education Revolution by Horacio Sanchez, published by Corwin Press in 2016. How does a child's brain react to change and various emotional experiences? This book will help parents understand how teachers must adapt student learning to meet the emotional and social needs of diverse learners to ensure academic success for all. Compelling topics include the paradox of the slow and gifted learner, the male and female brain, and how diet, bullying, bias, and other personal challenges obstruct learning.



Effective Parenting! Capable Kids! by Rosemarie Pérez, Karen Salzer, Ph.D., Carole Flowers, and Mary Ann Burke, Ed.D., published by Novation Associates in 2017. This book is created from parents' stories of successes and challenges shared on the GenParenting.com blog and from school-based parent trainings. It is designed to support culturally diverse parents of newborn through secondary school age children by developing effective parenting skills and literacy/academic activities as part of children's play. Strategies are provided for successful communications, conflict resolution, extended support,

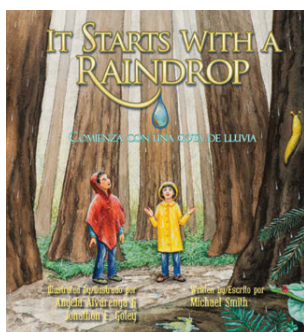
school partnerships, and family recreation activities that promote the dynamic growth of children. The book is available through Amazon.com at

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*I Am Hapa* by Crystal Smith, published by East West Discovery Press in 2016

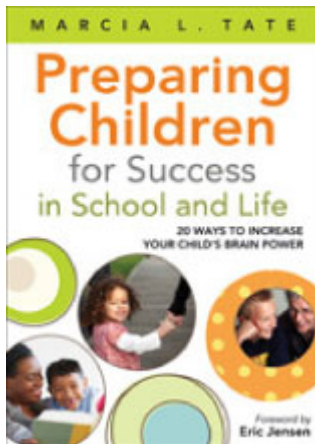
*I Am Hapa* encourages children to look within themselves and appreciate the various ethnicities that make each person special. The preschool book is written in English, Spanish, and Chinese. It celebrates the diversity of cultures in our communities and schools with delightful photos of multiracial children and their families.



*It Starts with a Raindrop* by Michael Smith, published by East West Discovery Press in 2017

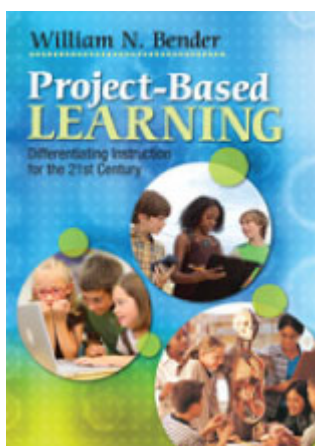
*It Starts with a Raindrop* is a bilingual English and Spanish text. It is beautifully illustrated and celebrates the wonder of the water cycle. Children, ages 5-8, can gain a basic understanding of the

water cycle when studying basic climate and environmental concepts relevant to all living things.



Preparing Children for Success in School and Life by Marcia L. Tate, published by Corwin Press in 2011

As their children's first teachers, how can parents and caregivers play with their children to achieve to their fullest potential? This book provides parents with guidance on how to create a healthy home environment with love, verbal communication, creativity, and imaginative play that can guide children of all ages towards personal, academic, and career success.



Project-Based Learning by William N. Bender, published by Corwin Press in 2012

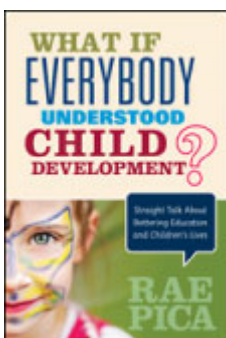
How can parents help their children develop effective problem-solving skills and create solutions for real-world problems? This book explains how teachers design classroom projects that can build children's social skills while using common core standards and technology. The

strategies described in this book can help parents understand how home projects, household chores, games, and creative play contribute to their children's academic success.



Tinkerlab, A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors by Rachelle Doorley, published by Roost Books in 2014

This book is full of projects that provide learning experiences for young children through play and creativity. Parents will be guided in creating inside and outside spaces for creativity at home. The focus of tinkering is in the process rather than in the outcome. Many opportunities for learning through creating are provided using a multitude of materials.



What If Everybody Understood Child Development? By Rae Pica, published by Corwin Press in 2015

What is the connection between how children grow and learn? This book provides a selection of real-life stories shared by teachers and parents with references, related articles, and



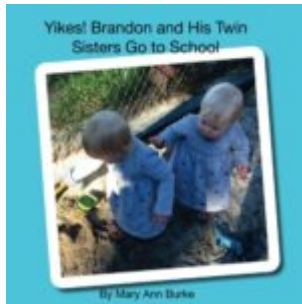
interviews with experts. Parents will gain insight and understanding on how the Common Core Standards, the self-esteem movement, and standardized testing in schools can impact student learning and how parents can support their children's success.



Yikes! Brandon Has Twin Sisters by Mary Ann Burke, published by Novation Associates in 2017

This is a charming story about Brandon's many adjustments to becoming a big brother to twin baby sisters. Brandon shares how his twin baby sisters overcome life's challenges during their first year as siblings. Brandon soon learns that having twin sisters is double trouble and twice the fun! The book is available through Amazon.com at

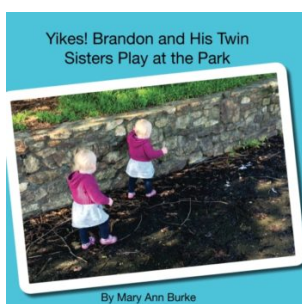
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Yikes! Brandon and His Twin Sisters Go to School by Mary Ann Burke, published by Novation Associates in 2017

This is an adventuresome story about Brandon helping his twin toddler sisters learn how to participate cooperatively in a preschool toddler program. When attending school, Brandon's sisters learn how to assemble puzzles, play musical instruments, play in the sand, and ride trikes. Brandon learns that having twin sisters is double trouble and twice the fun as they learn how to play with new school friends! The book is available through Amazon.com at

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Yikes! Brandon and His Twin Sisters Play at the Park by Mary Ann Burke, published by Novation Associates in 2017

This is a delightful story about Brandon becoming a leader by teaching his twin sisters how to play happily together. When visiting the park, Brandon's sisters learn how to talk to geese, play grocery store, ride a stage coach, swing, climb, slide, and discover nature. Brandon learns that having twin sisters is double trouble and



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