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Celebrating Child-led Learning

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As I go through the warmest New York winter in my memory, there is time to muse on learning. My friends with toddlers explore museums on rainy days and parks when the sun is out. I am reminded of when my children were very young, and am inspired to write about early childhood education, a natural state for all new parents. These times are so precious, and so fleeting!



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When Does Learning Begin?

When does learning begin? Some think that learning begins when a child goes to school. Some think it begins when a child can talk. Some say it begins before that, even before a child is born.

Learning happens when the environment allows it and the individual takes advantage of it. It is up to the parent or teacher to create the right environment... [READ MORE...](#)

Make Your Child's Reading Primers



Kalman's first reader

My child's first readers were books that I made about him. After we went to the zoo I brought home the zoo map and some postcards. That night, while my little one slept, I made a simple book. I used white cardboard squares for the pages, and punched two holes for looseleaf rings. My budget was practically nil. When my son awoke [... READ MORE ...](#)

Early Childhood Resources



[Activity Books for Preschoolers](#)

[Magazines for the Very Young](#)

[Art Games On-line](#)

New York is a great city for preschoolers! Here is a tempting list for youngsters and their adult companions (older siblings will also find something to enjoy at most of these places).

[Parks and Playgrounds](#)

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What's Your Favorite Homeschooling Blog?

Send it to Laurie@HomeschoolNYC.com,

and I might include it in my

list of

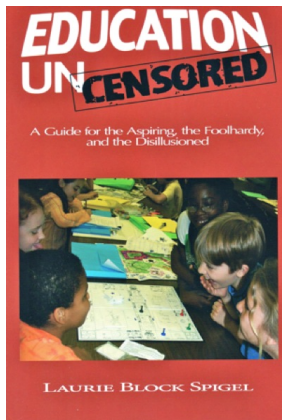
[favorite blogs](#).

Quote by Maria Montessori

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."

~~Maria Montessori, 1870-1952, Italian physician and educator

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Laurie Spigel is a leading educator in the New York City homeschooling community, teaching popular group classes and inspiring parents to create their own curriculum. Her approach is informal, creative, and child-led. Here she shares her innovative ideas and original techniques for every subject. She explains why our current educational system has it all backwards and shows how exciting learning can truly be. A real source of inspiration as well as a practical guide, this is an eye-opening book for every parent and teacher.

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