



# HomeschoolNYC Newsletter

## Celebrating Child-led Learning

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*June is time for fairy tales and gardening and playing outdoor games! It is also time for graduations, and many of my first homeschooling students are graduating from college this year, my younger son included. As midsummer's eve approaches, we can feel the magic in the air. I am grateful for many things, including you, my readers. I invite you to correspond with me at [Laurie@HomeschoolNYC.com](mailto:Laurie@HomeschoolNYC.com). Ask me for topics to be discussed, questions to be answered, techniques to be shared, books to be reviewed. This newsletter is for you!*



*[Laurie Block Spiegel](#)*

**at HomeschoolNYC**

**Playing Catch: A Metaphor  
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**Nautical Adventures and  
Suggested Reading**

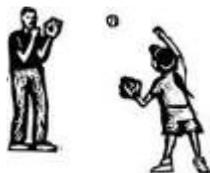
**Quote by Louisa May Alcott**

Hear Laurie speak at [EduEvolution: A Workshop on Alternative Education](#)

Saturday, June 16 at 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm, Shetler Studios, 244 Wet 54th St., 12th Fl., PH2  
Cost: \$40.00 ([register now](#), space is limited)

Learn about Reggio-Emilia, Waldorf, Montessori, and Homeschooling, from four practicing experts. Speakers include: Alice Perotti, Reggio-Emilio early childhood educator, Orlando Colon of the Brooklyn Waldorf School, Reidden Sewerll, a second generation Montessori teacher, and Laurie Block Spiegel of HomeschoolNYC.

## Playing Catch: A Metaphor for Child-led Learning



Sydney Gurewitz Clemens, a celebrated early childhood teacher who embraces the methods of Reggio Emilia and Sylvia Ashton Warner, has just given the educational community a wonderful gift. To announce the publication of her new book written with Leslie Gleim, *Seeing Young Children With New Eyes: What we've learned from Reggio Emilia about children and ourselves*, she is offering a FREE download of... [READ MORE](#)

## What's a College Education Worth?



In early June my son Solomon graduated from College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. His experience there included a term working on a goat farm in Ireland and a semester at sea on a tall ship (a wooden schooner), earning full credit both times. Solomon also performed in two Shakespeare plays and studied Capoeira (both for no credit whatsoever), read and wrote literature, created a sound exhibit in the local whale museum, went scuba diving in the . . . [READ MORE](#)

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## Field Trips and Suggested Reading

As a nod to my son who loves the sea, here are some nautical adventures in and around NYC, and some recommended books for children. Click on each line to take you to the appropriate page.



[Marine biology field trips in and around NYC.](#)

These can be combined with other activities to [create your own summer camp](#) experience, individualized for you and your child.

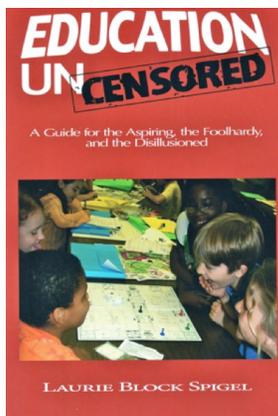
[Books about the sea and coast, for the very young and old.](#)

[Marine Biology resources for kids.](#)

### Quote by Louisa May Alcott

"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship."  
~~Louisa May Alcott, 1832-1888, American author

### *Education Uncensored*



Laurie Spiegel 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.

Available now at [HomeschoolNYC.com](http://HomeschoolNYC.com)

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