

FALL 2024



As the leaves begin to change and a crispness fills the air, we welcome the beautiful season of autumn! This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to embrace nature's vibrant colors, cozy activities, and a spirit of gratitude. In this newsletter, we'll explore the NEW PRO website, creative ways to incorporate autumn themes into your childcare programs, and upcoming training opportunities. Let's fall into this season together, supporting each other, and growing together as providers. Happy autumn!



CHECK OUT THE NEW OREGONPRO.ORG

We have a fresh new look and some fantastic features on our website:

Calendar

PRO members can now access a calendar that lists ALL the available trainings and Chapter Meeting - in person or virtual. You'll find it under the MEMBERSHIP tab, along with other resources.

PROvider Forum

Join our new private forum to share ideas and connect with other members. It's a great way to engage, and we'd love your feedback! Find it under the MEMBERSHIP tab. You can also find a help line here.

Tutorials

Check out our short, informative tutorials designed for those starting their childcare business. More tutorials are on the way! Look for them under the TRAINING tab.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 22, 2025 PRO SPRING CONFERENCE

**Featured Speaker: Kristen RB Peterson (B.A.
Education and ECE)**

Kristen is the founder of a play and nature-based preschool and forest school in central Minnesota. She hosts The Play Based Learning Podcast and created The Camp Renegade Play Virtual Summit. With her engaging storytelling, Kristen inspires early childhood professionals to take risks and enhance their impact on children's lives.

**Plan for a full and enriching day of learning.
Kristen will be bringing all the fun with a
special keynote and two workshops!**

**Watch the website for location and more
details coming soon!!**



Taking a Walk
by Mary Jackson Ellis

Taking a walk is so much fun.
We don't hurry; we don't run.
We watch for birds;
we watch for bees.
We look for all the falling leaves.



Golden Air
by Margaret Wise Brown

When the wind blows, The leaves fall
free
Yellow leaves falling, In golden air
And everywhere, Upon the ground
Leaves of gold
Are scattered round.

POETRY

Incorporating poetry into preschool activities not only enriches their learning experience but also nurtures a lifelong love for language and storytelling!

How do you use poetry in your program? Post it in our **PROvider Forum!** Our PROvider Forum is a place to share YOUR ideas and learn from each other.

Try writing a simple poem with your children. Take a walk outside to see what you can see. Then, take a piece of paper and ask the children what they saw. Write down what they say ~ line by line, you will have a poem!



UPCOMING TRAINING

- OCTOBER~ How to Design Culturally Responsive Hands On Activities for Preschoolers
- NOVEMBER ~ Autism 201
- DECEMBER ~ Risky Business: Promoting Play Risk and Curiosity
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*for the most up to date info and to register, GO TO: oregonpro.org
Members can attend ANY training in any chapter for FREE!



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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in PRO offers you access to invaluable resources and support tailored for childcare professionals:

1. **Dedicated Help Line:** Get quick answers and guidance from our helpline, available exclusively to PRO members, ensuring you have the support you need.
2. **Exclusive PROvider Forum:** Connect with fellow members in our private forum to share ideas and insights, fostering a collaborative community.
3. **Informative Tutorials:** Benefit from our short, easy-to-follow tutorials that cover essential business basics for starting and managing your childcare business.
4. **Comprehensive Resources:** Access a wealth of resources, including:
 - Lists of useful organizations and websites
 - Essential childcare forms
 - Contract and handbook samples
 - Record-keeping templates
 - Hiring information

By joining us, you gain the tools and community support to thrive in your childcare career!

Stay Connected!

Thank you for being part of our community.

We're excited about meeting you and look forward to supporting you on your childcare journey. If you have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to reach out.

Together, we can make a difference!

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