

GATEWAYS REPORT

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The fall issue of *Gateways* is in the proofreading stage and will be delivered to readers by late October. The theme of the issue is **WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF TODAY?** as they come to our classes with so many differences in family, race, gender, neurology, sensitivity, impulsivity, genius, and creativity.

Gateways is grateful that so many educators are answering the invitation to submit and speak to these subjects. The articles cover a wide range of experiences and give a call to action for how we must come to accept and understand these children and their circumstances. The articles also call for each educator to look at themselves, re-examining current attitudes and practices with the children, and to accept the challenge to stretch our capacities and adjust our expectations. The journal is excited and honored to feature new authors from across the continent who share their teaching experiences and what they have learned from the children and about themselves.

The spring 2027 issue will continue with the theme of working with so many diversities. First, we accept the children as they come with an open attitude and heart. Then, we study as much as we can about the neurodiverse/neuroexpansive capacities the children bring with them along with their individual circumstances.

And then comes the third and critical step—**WHAT DO WE DO?** to include, to guide, and companion these children on their earthly path? The **DOING** is the focus for the spring issue. It is here that we get eminently practical—playful, creative, imaginative, and intuitive. This **INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS** asks for:

- Games and movement imaginations that create a sense of unity for the group—if ever so briefly. What have you found?
- Stories that soothe, reassure, and calm. What elements are in these stories? When and how do you tell them? Examples of stories, please?
- Ways of preparing transitions that support hyper-sensitive children and also get under-responsive children going?
- What have you learned to never do and avoid? Sometimes things will go wrong for everyone. Share your experience, please, and what insight has grown out of a hard experience.
- What individual accommodations have you made for specific children that have been positive?

Please send your submission to gatewayscollection@gmail.com no later than January 10, 2027.

Gateways also welcomes artwork as possible cover art for our issues. We welcome two types of pictures in tune with the seasons of publication: one autumnal, moving toward winter for the fall issue and one with a spring motif for the second issue. Presentation of subject matter should carry the mood of young childhood. Please send examples to gatewayscollection@gmail.com with some information about yourself. We are always delighted to learn of artistic talent to share with the WECAN world of early childhood.

Please keep your submissions coming. Everyone in every classroom has something special to share. Jewels of expertise lie in our ordinary kindergarten days. Please share.