

November 11, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

Don't let ministry go unnoticed! Nominations for the 2027 LEA Awards. We want to shine a light on the educators, ministers, retired workers, and administrators who serve our children and families with absolute devotion. Think of that colleague who inspires you every day and nominate them right now at tinyurl.com/LEANominations2027!



Looking to learn about Building Relationships With Preschool Families? Go beyond a single event to help preschool educators build partnerships with families that grow throughout the school year. (Ralinda Watts in *Edutopia*)

Repeated Interactive Read Alouds in Preschool and Kindergarten provides a specific three-reading approach to teaching vocabulary. Children hear a story several times, learn new words through explanations and gestures, and eventually use the vocabulary themselves while discussing and retelling the story. (Lea McGee and Judith Schickedanz in *Reading Rockets*)

Looking for an awesome idea to engage your little ones visually? The Making of an Art Museum: A Preschool Project tells about how preschoolers can experiment with splatter painting, colorful pop-art-inspired creations, and other techniques before creating their own classroom art museum. It's a particularly fun idea for a family showcase. (Sarah West in *NAEYC*)

Looking for a book to use in your classroom/center? This week, LEA highlights:

Oak- The Littlest Leaf Girl

Written & Illustrated by Lucy Fleming

Candlewick Press

2024

A little leaf girl loves living high up in an oak tree with her family and animal friends. As the season changes, she faces cooler air and a bustle of activity in the tree. She isn't happy that her family will be moving out of the tree for the winter. She then spots a large acorn, which they will live in for the next season. She then learns that this move can be a great opportunity for change and adventure, and a chance to be with her family.

Invest in Your Leadership and Your Ministry. Managing a school's day-to-day operations while fostering a Christ-centered culture is demanding ministry. Give yourself space to recharge and refine your skills at the 2027 Lutheran School Administrators Conference, March 8–10, 2027. This year's event in Charlotte/Concord, NC, brings together ALSS, LCMS School Ministry, and LEA to offer relevant plenary sessions,

invaluable sectionals, and vital face-to-face discussions with peers. Register HERE

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