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The tried-and-tested portfolio method with new ideas and for digital media is available now. With this book, you have the complete portfolio concept at a glance: its foundations, the level assessment sheets, the Lotus plan, etc. Here, step-by-step, you learn to implement these on your smartphone or tablet computer. No more paper sheets and print-outs all over the place or documents that need to be stuck in. Simplify your documentation tasks and complete them during your working hours at the daycare centre. This saves time and material.

### **The digital portfolio concept for play school**

Using a smartphone and tablet for time-saving and well-founded documentation

Antje Bostelmann, Christian Engelbrecht,  
Gerrit Möllers  
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Working together beats working in parallel or against each other. A healthy and constructive dialog between daycare staff and parents is essential – also for the welfare of the child.

What information do parents need? What are the best channels for this information? What methods are available? How can I keep parents informed without hours of printing, copying, cutting out, and sticking together? This book shows how the latest techniques and digital media make working with parents more communicative, efficient, and informative.

### Keeping parents informed in crèche and daycare

Work tools and templates for using digital media in parental work

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Why does the bulb light up? How is a computer programmed? What can you do with a 3D printer? The practical examples in this book show step by step how you can easily create exciting activities to promote an understanding of technology and information skills in play school. You can also discover in this book how you can investigate the secrets of programming with simple movement games with no need for a computer or technical equipment.

## Electricity, technology and computers in play school

33 easy-to-implement project ideas

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## OUT NOW: ACTIVITY TUBS 2.0



Working with activity trays is a rewarding experience! Children can work independently to solve the task in hand. Activity trays provide the ideal framework for this. 41 new ideas for this tried and trusted Maria Montessori work method – developed specially for modern play schools. These fieldtested activity trays offer intensive learning opportunities, and are quick and easy to prepare.

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41 exciting educational tray ideas  
for children aged 3 to 6 years

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# IDEAS FOR PROMOTING LANGUAGE LEARNING



## Through the year with painted stories

Support of graphomotor skills and speech development in the crèche and daycare centre

Speech development is a fundamental building block in the life of every individual. Thus it is important to support this early on in the crèche and daycare centre. Here, painted stories are a great way to develop language in a targeted manner and train the graphomotor skills in passing. In this book you will find 24 examples for training children's articulation and speaking comprehension through frequent repetition of a rhyme. What is more, by painting the simple rhymes, the little ones remember the story more easily. The simple forms of the painted stories support early learning of writing movements.

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## Through the year with story bags

Tried and tested ideas for stories and games in crèche and play school

This book describes 25 new and exciting story bags that will accompany you through spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Each bag offers not only an excellent opportunity to promote language learning, but also provides a playful introduction to colours and numbers, trains children in recognition and social behaviour, and illustrates the connections between nature and daily life. And in the sewing instructions provided, learn how to create a bag quickly and easily using textile left-overs.

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## With crèche children in the garden

Learning opportunities outdoors for children from 0 to 3 years of age

“We didn’t go outside today.” When child care workers say this at the end of the day, it disappoints and annoys many parents. Although there is understanding that it is very strenuous to dress and then undress a whole group of small children when they want to go outside to play, this cannot be the reason why the little ones are not able to discover the wonders of a garden. The possibilities to play and learn something presented to the children by nature can never be replaced by even the greatest toy in the crèche rooms.

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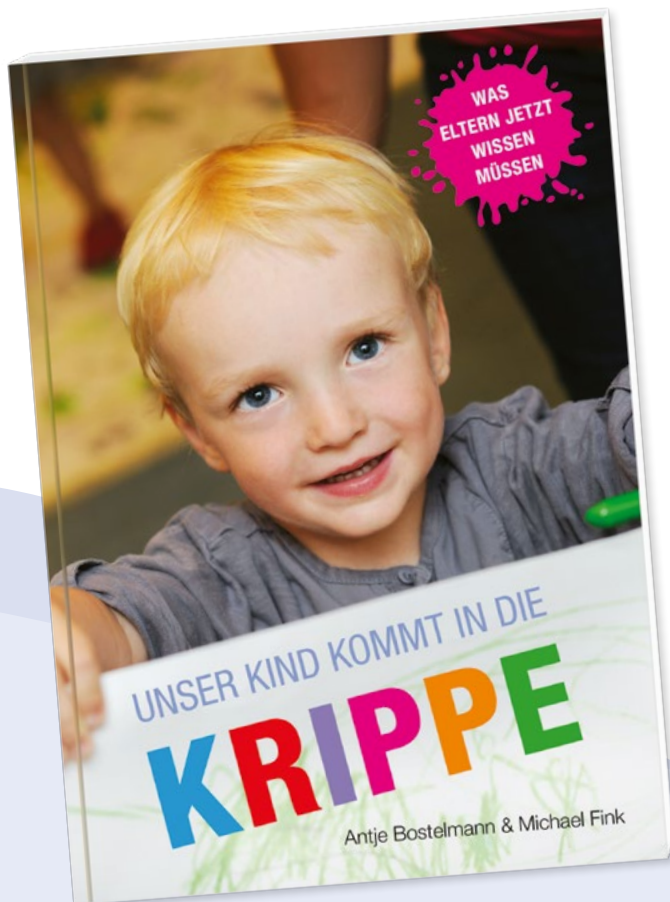
## Meal situations in crèche

How to detect learning opportunities and accompany meals sensitively

Meals offer children multiple learning opportunities. The daily routine of eating together supports their social development and linguistic skills. For children meals mean a get-together, fine motor skills training, intensive sensual experiences and training sessions for independence. By hints and detailed practical guidance, our book shows you how to turn meals in your crèche to a time for learning. The attached DVD shows examples from a German and Italian crèche. Both implement modern pedagogic principles in their creation of meal situations, but in different ways.

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With expert know-how and a great deal of empathy, the authors describe typical day-to-day situations in infant daycare and provide practical tips on how to deal with them. How do I find the right crèche for my child? What happens on a good day at the crèche? What can I do to help my child get used to the new routine? And can I fully place my trust in the daycare staff?

- **When your child starts crèche ...**
- **What parents need to know**
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In the crèche many young children are separated from their parents for the first time. That's why there are two aspects of the daily routine to be considered wisely: Recurring routines and rituals provide children orientation and help them to feel safe and secure. But then children also need space for independent explorations. In our book we show you how to plan and realize a well structured and age-based daily routine that is respecting individual needs and demands.

## Good Day, Everyday

Hints and tricks for the daily routine in crèche

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Small children love to be read something to. They listen to stories concentratively and full of suspense. You will have certainly noticed that small children especially love stories of everyday life. No wonder: What's normal to us is a mystery to small children. They have a lot of questions to everyday life that want to be solved and understood.

With these books we don't show fantasy worlds. We detail everyday life events of small children. Our expert knowledge has shown that such books help small children understand their own life, arrange their own experiences and ask important questions on routines.

### **Lilly und Tim**

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## Creating good daycare together

A book about quality for parents and educators

It is a widespread belief among parents that the quality of an educational institution – good or bad – is just something one has to accept. In the worst case, the children are sent elsewhere. Many educators feel the same way, and when the daycare institution does not live up to their expectations, they simply resign and move on. In this book, Antje Bostelmann, Michael Fink, and Gerrit Möllers provide an alternative solution, showing how educators and parents can improve daycare quality together. This book provides numerous practical tips and ideas to help you consistently improve the quality of your daycare centre.

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20  
photo-  
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## Talking about education – Critical situations

20 Cards for educational talks

20 memorable photo cards show typical critical situations in crèche and kindergarten. Each has a detailed description of the conversational methods available for quick and direct use. The cards are a creative and effective tool for describing such situations in team discussions and one-to-one talks. They also help to review attitudes, discover new options, and agree on new techniques.

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Slides on  
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### Parents' evenings in crèche easily mastered

Material and tools for a successful creation

Scoring at parents' evenings with pedagogy: This media package supports you in the organization for exciting and convincing parents' evenings. Which topics are important for parents? What do I have to know and consider to make a good presentation? Our practical book offers hints and tricks for great parents' evenings and contains sample presentations with topics like "The meaning of play" or "The daily routine". On the provided CD-ROM you will find 10 digital samples for these presentations, so you can start at once!

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### Digital ingenious

First steps with new media in play school

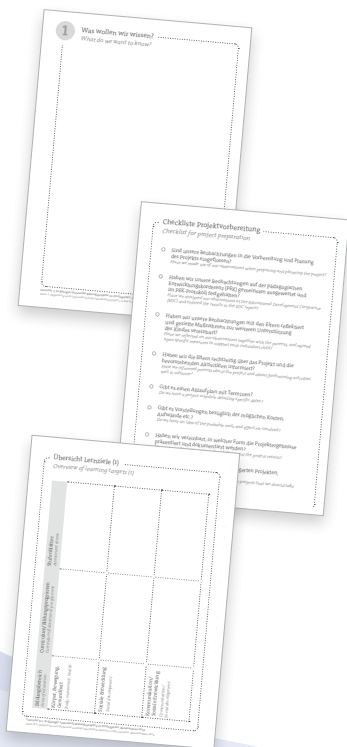
Don't be afraid of tablets, digital cameras and beamers! This book shows you how various digital techniques can be used to enrich your educational work in a creative way. Many practical examples prove that even youngest children can handle new media without any trouble and creatively gain competences.

Useless gambling is not a part of this book! On the basis of detailed project descriptions, we show you how to use tablets and other media as tools for creating purposive and educational settings.



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Children enjoy learning when they can satisfy their own curiosity and natural hunger for information – and that is why project work in kindergarten shows such astoundingly positive results. Good projects develop a child's creative thought processes, and help the child take on responsibility for themselves and others. This step-by-step guide provides valuable advice on how to successfully plan, design, and document project work in kindergarten. Includes forms and worksheets to get you started immediately!

From the series:  
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## Organising successful and exciting educational projects in play school

A step by step guide

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## The Apple Project

Practical project work for play schools

The 'Apple Project' developed from an everyday situation – during lunch, children started discussing why some apples taste sweet and others sour. This initial impulse gave Silke, the group's kindergarten teacher, an idea for a new project: Are all apples the same? The group searches for an answer, but each realization along the way reveals another question ...

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## Where do bogeys come from?

Practical project work for play schools

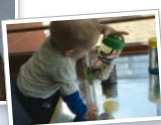
Ugh, a bogey! Things that horrify adults frequently fascinate children. Why do we have bogeys in our noses? Do they have some kind of function? One question leads to another. In this project, children learn how the nose works by activating their creative thought processes and developing their own hypotheses.

The best kindergarten projects happen when children's questions guide the way.

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## The Marble Track, Clever Can, and the Feelie-Rug

More great ideas for making crèche toys

Audio-memory, Velcro building blocks, and the glitter bottle: This book tells you how to make imaginative and unusual toys for pre-school and kindergarten children using everyday materials. Develop creative play resources for pre-school and kindergarten children, and see how children discover new and diverse functions for the simplest materials. See what you can do with buttons, zips, curlers, or magnets, and using step-by-step instructions, build adventurous new playthings quickly and easily.

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## Glitter bottles & Co

33 ideas for self-made toys in crèche and play school

Fascinating, extraordinary, quick and low-priced to produce: All play stuff presented in this book enables kids in crèche to play and occupy themselves intensively. It is amazing how mindful the kids play with glitter bottles or dumping machines and how easy you can produce these 33 toys investing just a small amount of money.

All toys are produced from materials of your everyday life, and a construction manual is attached.

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## Activity trays – Experiments and game offerings

40 ideas for learning in crèche and play school

Each activity tray is an invitation to discover, a framed puzzle to solve, and gives an impulse to explore: Even Maria Montessori suggested to give kids activity trays with tools that are interesting to them. This would offer them the possibility to discover and explore things with a focused mind. In our book we give the contemporary answer to this idea: 40 new examples for activity trays which were tested in practice and give kids the possibility to deal with. All the tubs can be arranged with just a little effort.

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## Activity tubs – feeling, exploring, understanding

30 ideas for learning and gaming in crèche and play school

Let's get into the tub! Small children love to deal with different materials. Dipping into a tub full of smooth beans, soft paper or bubbling foam – what an experience for all senses! However, tubs can be more: As a play area with three or four extraordinary materials, they activate kids to explore and engross their minds. In this book we present a huge number of ideas: 30 new examples for activity tubs which were tested in practice and give kids the possibility to deal with. All the tubs can be arranged with just a little effort.

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## Elementary play activities for children under the age of 3

Detect, accompany, support

Hiding things, carrying bags around the room, dropping a spoon to the ground again and again: The acting of children sometimes seems strange and aimless to us.

But all these recurrent „elementary play activities“ are ways to understand our world. It is worth examining these activities more closely and observing them in the daily routine. They are the key to a precise education.

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## Suitcase Theatre & Co

Creative project ideas to promote language learning in crèche and play school

Suitcase theatre, story bag, and funny finger puppets – this book shows not only how you can turn fairy tales, songs, or daily events into creative stories, but also how by doing so, you can encourage intensive language acquisition in crèche and kindergarten. Learn how to use the suitcase theatre with its foam and felt figures, and how an old aquarium or shoe box can become a stage for exciting stories. Create productions, big and small, together with the children, and you will create excellent opportunities for encouraging language learning in your crèche or kindergarten.

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## Look, what I can do!

### The heuristic learning of infants

Small children learn by playing and collecting experiences in their everyday life. How can we use this principle of the heuristic method in practice in crèche and day-care center?

This book explains how children can learn independently in an appealing atmosphere by exploring their surroundings.

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## Toolbox for crèche

Basic information and tools for examination and documentation on children under the age of 3

Examination and documentation are essential modes of working in crèche: We find out which impulses children require. However, how do I arrange this documentation? How do I write portfolios and journals in a good way? Our book gives practical advice for documentation posters, portfolios and journals which are also useful helpers in the work with parents. Lots of hints and suggestions for the examination and modern methods of planning will help you to do good work and to save time.

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## Crèche studio

Painting, splashing and forming with children under the age of 3

Crèche children love to handle with colours, brushes and painting water – but their doing is obviously not about creating pictures. What is so exciting about colour and clay? Which need of development can children act out with these materials? This book describes how children try to understand the world around them by painting and creating – as in open play forms.

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## Play school studio

Painting, building and inventing

Creation is education. When children work in the art studio of their play school, many colourful paintings and curious objects are generated. In this work progress, children collect manifold experiences with materials, basic techniques and creative creation processes. Each print, each sculpture or painting is a try to understand more of our world.

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## Level assessment sheets for crèche

Material for the individual development planning with the portfolio

From the beginning, every child learns by its own way and at its own pace. But how can we give consideration to these differences? This book shows how to use the „level assessment sheets“ for making the personal development of each child visible in various educational fields.

Comes with copy templates, detailed descriptions and numerous practical tips.

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## Level assessment sheets for day-care center and play school

Material for the individual development planning with the portfolio

Educators today are faced with the task of planning their educational programs with respect for the individual needs and levels of development of all children in the group. This book shows how to use the „level assesment sheets“ for making the development of each child visible in various educational fields.

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## Responsible, communicative, creative

### The child in Klax education

Klax education has now existed for 25 years. The child as central focus of the educational process, recognition of the child's potential and competencies, and educational tools that allow educators to address the child's needs – these are the foundations of the Klax pedagogy. In these 25 years, Klax educators have thought long and hard about how children and young adults should grow up to become successful and responsible members of society. In this first part of the series on Klax pedagogy, the authors examine what education and learning mean at Klax and which external influences are required for a successful education?

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## Practical book for day nannies

### Care, support, education

Friendly and manageable – and just as professional as crèche and day-care center! Good day nannies are an alternative for parents who think that day-care centers and crèches are too big.

In this guide we show you how day nannies can professionalize their work with some easy tools, so that parents make a conscious decision to have their children educated by a day nanny.

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## Playing means learning!

Five posters for the successful parental work in crèche and play school

This material offers arguments for everyday education settings and gives impulses for successful work with parents in crèche and play school. Use these five posters to initiate discussions with the parents and arouse their interest, by providing a different perspective on educational situations.

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## Why? How children try to understand the world

Philosophical and reflecting conversations in play school

In this book it is all about children's questions to the world, beginning with the word „Why?“. With help of case studies the book shows how philosophical conversations can arise from these questions, and provides lots of hints and tricks how to carry on those conversations in a creative way. It is also a book for reflection and smirk about children's clear point of view!

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