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- TUESDAY TELEGRAPH -

News from the Office of Early Childhood Education at the DOE

- 1. LinkedIn - Before Birth - Third Grade, An early childhood education Forum**
- 2. "Redshirting" Kindergartners Not as Common as Reported - article in Science Daily**
- 3. NIEER Preschool Yearbook Released - Funding for Pre-K at an all-time low**

1. LinkedIn - Before Birth - Third Grade, An early childhood education Forum from the New America Foundation - A recent forum on LinkedIn, started by Jorge Saenz De Viteri, provides news briefs, articles, links to webinars and more on all things early childhood. To join the discussion and receive information, search the discussion groups through your LinkedIn account.

2. "Redshirting" Kindergartners Not as Common as Reported - article in Science Daily - Good News! The practice of starting children in kindergarten the year after they're eligible is less popular than originally believed. The link below will take you to a recent article on the topic. With the increase of Full Day Kindergarten, more children are going to school when they're eligible. In 2008, the percentage of children deferring was thought to be 17%. A recent study from the University of Virginia indicates that only about 4% delay school entry. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/04/130425132332.htm?qoback=%2Egde_4388836_member_235884352

3. NIEER Preschool Yearbook Released - Funding for Pre-K at an all-time low
On April 29, 2013, the National Institute for Early Education Research released "The State of Preschool 2012", the annual yearbook indicating what type of pre-k programs, and how many children, are supported by States. As brain development research and Nobel winning economists promote the benefits of early education, funding for our youngest learners has hit an unprecedented low. States are funding pre-k at the lowest per-pupil spending since the information has been collected, according to Steve Barnett, NIEER's director. For more information: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/29/preschool-funding-2012-nieer-yearbook_n_3175249.html

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