The holidays are here, which is always a time of excitement for children of all ages! The spirit of the season can surely be seen in our young, gifted learners. I have asked Dr. Jeanne Fain, an expert in childhood multilanguage literacy, to compile a list of some of the best, current works available for young gifted learners. Perhaps, some of these books will find your hands on the cold winter days ahead of us. In addition, if you are scouting the toy aisles, here are some ideas from NAGC for great toys and games for bright minds: https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources-parents/games-and-toys-gifted-children

I enjoyed meeting with many of you at the NAGC conference last month. Believe it or not, we are already actively planning for the 2017 NAGC Conference to be held November 2017! Please start thinking about ideas for possible conference proposals; NAGC will begin accepting conference proposals in Mid-December. We want the Early Childhood Network to be well-represented!

I hope that the contents in this newsletter will excite you while preparing to work with your young gifted minds. It is a blessing and honor to work with such passionate professionals and children. Best wishes for a fantastic holiday season and new year!
Save the Date!

The NAGC 2017 Conference will be November 9-12, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ATTENDANCE GRANT

The Early Childhood Network will be well represented at the conference this year and it is my hope that you will find funding to attend the conference. One way that you can attend is to apply for the Early Childhood Attendance Grant. The Early Childhood Network recognizes the importance of practitioners who have direct, daily contact with young gifted children. In an effort to support and encourage the participation of practitioners in NAGC and the Early Childhood Network, two (2) winners will receive a $250 grant to help pay for registration at the 2017 NAGC Annual Convention in Charlotte in November 2017. -See more at: http://www.nagc.org/get-involved/nagc-networks-and-special-interest-groups/networks-early-childhood/network-awards-early#sthash.Cl8yOjfm.dpuf

The deadline for submissions is August 30, so please apply soon!

Explore Presentations from NAGC’s 2016 Convention

We are already working towards building a great NAGC 64th Convention in Charlotte, NC, but you still have access to presentation materials – PowerPoints and handouts – from many of the 2016 presenters. You can search by Early Childhood, presenter, or subject. You can even learn from the Models to Implementation: From Theory to Practice presentations, the well-attended preconvention session.
EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOK LIST

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your young, gifted learner? How about a great book? Literacy expert, Dr. Jeanne Fain has compiled a list of great texts to inspire and challenge bright, young minds. Perhaps, one of these choices will find its way into your child’s or student’s hands!

- Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan
- What Elephants know by Eric Dinerstein
- Ideas Are all Around by Philip C. Stead
- Cosmic Catastrophes: Seven Ways to Destroy a Planet Like Earth By David A. Aguilar
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark By Debbie Levy & Elizabeth Baddeley
- Giant Squid by Candace Fleming & Eric Rohman
- Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor by Robert Burleigh
- A Time to Act: John F. Kennedy’s Big Speech by Shana Corey & R. Gregory Christie
- Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics by Steve Jenkins
- Shh! We Have A Plan by Chris Haughton
- Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon
- One Word from Sophia by Jim Averbeck and Yasmine Ismail
- Our Moon: New Discoveries about Earth’s Closest Companion by Elaine Scott

Additional Important News

- Please consider submitting a conference proposal for the 2017 NAGC conference in Charlotte, NC. We want more people to learn about the unique needs of young, gifted learners!
- Also, consider being a proposal reviewer for the 2017 conference. We need your expertise and experience to review proposals to ensure that conference attendees are able to learn the best information and practices. CLICK HERE
- As members of the Early Childhood Network, you are welcome to contribute to our newsletters as well as to the online community.
- Please consider applying for the Early Childhood Attendance Grant. This is a great way to receive some funding to attend the national conference.