American Sign Language (ASL) Resources
to support early childhood communication & education

Websites

http://www.signingsavvy.com/

Online video ASL dictionary. (membership provides full access to website and mobile apps)

http://www.signingtime.com/

DVDs organized by topics; signing with music; flashcards; LOTS of resources.

http://www.signingsafari.com/

DVDs, downloads, and sign classes in the Greater Cincinnati (Ohio) area.

http://aslbrowser.commtechlab.msu.edu/browser.htm

Online video ASL dictionary.

http://dawnsignpress.com/

Specific interest: Children.

http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/childrensbestsellers.html

Specific interest: Children's Books and Videos, American Sign Language.

http://www.harriscomm.com/catalog/default.php?cPath=35

Specific Interest: Books & Multimedia: Children's Sign Language.
Special interest: DVD Set of "Sign Language Storytelling Stories" featuring nine popular children's stories told in spoken English while a storysigner using ASL is imposed over the book's images.

Books

There are many books and dictionaries for American Sign Language and signing with babies. While these can be valuable resources in and of themselves, it is recommended that they are used along with video and/or classes since these convey the *movement,* body language, and use of space most accurately. The websites above offer plenty of resources for both videos (Internet and DVDs) and books. Take some time to search the sites, and then select books that pique your interest for the classroom!

There are fictional books that feature deaf characters. These may be of particular interest if you have a deaf child in your class, or one of your students has a deaf family member. Such books are a nice way to introduce children to the different ways that deaf people experience the world and interact with peers positively.

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