

# Top 10 in 2020

At Teaching Strategies, we have been committed to advancing the field of early education for over 40 years. When the COVID-19 pandemic drastically impacted the early education community, we knew we had to evolve our approach and create **innovative** solutions to help our customers address significant, unprecedented challenges. Here are the **top 10** ways we have partnered with our customers to ensure early childhood educators have access to the high-quality, integrated resources; responsive, ongoing support; and research-based, research-proven solutions they need to address these changes over the past year.

- Curriculum
- Assessment
- Professional Development
- Family Partnerships

## 1 Distance Learning Solution

In response to the pandemic, early childhood education programs needed to ensure they could set each child up for success in every scenario. Therefore, we created the *Distance Learning Solution* to provide reliable, individualized, and equitable access for children in any learning environment with the only program that integrates the essential components of teaching in a single digital experience—curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family engagement.

## 2 The Creative Curriculum® Cloud

No matter the learning environment—in the classroom or at a distance—*The Creative Curriculum® Cloud* provides inspired, developmentally appropriate learning experiences and delivers digital functionality that streamlines planning, teaching, and communication practices to support programs, empower teachers, and strengthen partnerships with families.

## 3 The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, Guided Edition

Implementing a new curriculum is often hard, but it doesn't have to be. This comprehensive new offering supports teachers to be confident and successful from day one.

## 4 Online Professional Development

To enable more options for professional development, we made our **Online Professional Development** available for **individual educators** to invest in their own professional development and continuing education units with access to more than 200 hours of product training and instruction on early childhood best practices for one year.

## 5 Health Screening, Temperature Checks, and Curbside Drop Off

We know that keeping children and staff safe is a top priority for early childhood education programs that are delivering in-person instruction. We released new *Tadpoles®* features that include health screening forms to help programs monitor for COVID-19 symptoms by capturing responses to health screening questions that satisfy state, local, and program requirements; the ability to log temperature checks; and two-way communication that enables instant messaging between school and home to facilitate curbside check-in procedures.

## 6 The Creative Curriculum® Expanded Daily Resources for Twos

Take a look at the first project-based curriculum written especially for two-year-old children and their caregivers.

## 7 Tadpoles® Family Billing

Now program directors can create custom billing plans, share invoices with families, and report on revenue all from one location with the new *Tadpoles®* family billing feature, which allows families to pay using major debit and credit cards or their bank accounts from the safety of their homes.

## 8 Virtual Professional Development

Because professional development cannot always take place in a face-to-face setting, especially in a pandemic, we introduced a new, live, virtual format option for all of our in-person sessions to ensure teachers could continue to engage with colleagues and develop their skills regardless of the setting.

## 9 ReadyRosie™ COVID-19 Modeled Moments

Schools and early childhood programs throughout the country asked for ReadyRosie™ Modeled Moments videos to share with families to support young children's social-emotional development and health and safety during the pandemic. As a result of this feedback, we co-created 10 COVID-19 Modeled Moments videos covering routines from the handwashing and back-to-school routines. These videos are free and accessible to all.

## 10 Healthy at Home and Classroom Connect

**Healthy at Home** and **Classroom Connect** were created especially to meet the needs of educators impacted by COVID-19. **Healthy at Home** is a free bilingual toolkit that provides educators and families with resources to support children in their care. **Classroom Connect**, the result of co-creation in their care, offers free resources, such as studies-at-home, *Mighty Minutes®*, letters to families, and more.