New baby – not a job for sissies
Our fifth grandchild arrived just a few weeks ago, and as I watch my daughter, and help when I can, I’m struck once again by how hard it is to be a new parent. While I empathize with my daughter, I revel in being a grandmother. And apparently, we’re not the only species with this helpful relationship >>

Kindergartners: State of the State
How do Alaska’s kindergartners measure up REALLY? Thanks to a revised assessment of children as they enter kindergarten – a process implemented this past year – we should have a better sense of our children’s skills, knowledge, and abilities. See how our children stack up statewide >>

Adding value to Imagination Library
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A natural way to learn
Summer in Alaska is chock-full of activities for young children. Regardless
of where you live, nature is a playground loaded with fun and engrossing opportunities. Check out some great nature activities courtesy of Carmen Field, Education Associate/Naturalist at the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.

America’s Children & the Recession
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