

Everybody Plays!

Celebrate the Power of Play in the Early Childhood Classroom

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What were your play experiences like as a child?

Play is Essential

- Children use play to learn about and interact with their world.
- Play is present in warm, safe environments.
- Play is the natural vehicle for exploration, learning new skills and connecting with others.
- Through child-directed play children can follow their interests, explore their world, make choices, conquer fears and build relationships.

Growing Strong Brains

- To develop the brain responsible for higher order thinking, children need to have rich engaging experiences that connect them to the world and more importantly connect them to others.

BUBBLES!

“Play is the highest form of research.” Albert Einstein

Plays Develops Language

- Pretend Play gives children of all ages real opportunities to practice conversation skills and acquire new vocabulary in a real and meaningful way. The language skills we learn in pretend help prepare me for the relationships in the future.
- Music, rhymes and finger-plays give children an opportunity to PLAY with sound and rhymes in a safe way.

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Play Connects Me to You

Play is a natural way for young children from different backgrounds and with different skills to:

- engage with others,
- share joyful experiences that build trust, understanding and friendships.

When Teachers Play...

I Wish You Well

My heart to your heart...I wish you well.

My elbow to your elbow...I wish you well.

My eyes to your eyes... I wish you well.

My hands to your hands... I wish you well.

How can we help everyone we know? How can we help each other grow?
Sometimes its hard to know what to do. Wishing them well connects me and
you! Wishing them well connects me and you!