Join Me as I Play

“I’m not just playing – I’m learning”

Come Play With Me
• Let’s play with things that encourage me to use my imagination
• Let’s sing and dance
• Let’s read a story
• Let’s play games
• Let’s cook
• Let’s go places

Come play with me... Let's make wonderful memories together.

As We Play Together
• I am learning the skills I need for reading, writing and communicating with others
• I am learning mathematical concepts
• I am learning about science and nature
• I am learning about my community and the work people do
• I am learning to think and solve problems
• I am learning to use my imagination and be creative
• I am learning to keep myself safe and healthy
• I am learning to use my large and small muscles
• I am learning that I am a capable and competent person

As we play together I am having fun while I learn.

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THE POWER OF PLAY FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EARLY EDUCATORS
Let's play and do things together

Let's play with things that encourage me to use my imagination

- Give me pots and pans and wooden spoons for making sounds and pretending.
- Give me hats, purses, boots and old dance costumes for dress-up and pretend.
- Give me empty boxes to crawl in or to build with.
- Give me pieces of blank paper, crayons and markers so I can create my own pictures.

When I use my imagination

- I am learning to think, to plan and to solve problems.
- I am creating my own pictures and acting out my own skits.
- I am learning and having fun as I play with things that cost very little money.

Let's read a story

- Hold me in your lap and read to me even though I am a tiny baby.
- Read and say nursery rhymes with me.
- Read to me every day.
- Buy me books for my birthday and for other special days.
- Take me to the library and help me choose and check out books.
- Listen to me as I read to you.
- Listen to the stories I make up and watch me as I act them out.

When we read together

- I feel special.
- I am building a life-long love of books and reading.
- I am learning new words.
- I will learn to read books on my own.
- I get ideas for writing my own stories and making my own books.

Let's play games

- Play infant games with me such as peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake.
- Play toddler games with me such as “Roll the ball to each other” or “Ring Around the Rosie.”
- Play preschool games with me such as “I Spy.”
- Play school-age games with me such as board games or ball games.

When we play games together

- I am having fun with you.
- I am developing my large and small muscles.
- I am learning to cooperate, to take turns and to share.
- I am learning to play fair.
- I am learning to play games with rules.

Let's cook

- Let me stir and pour.
- Let me help set the table.
- Let me help make the grocery list.
- Help me choose healthy foods to eat such as fruits and vegetables.
- Help me read the recipe or the instructions on the box.
- Help me measure ingredients.

When we cook together

- I am learning to take responsibility and be a helper.
- I am learning about math as I measure ingredients.
- I am learning about science as I watch gelatin change from liquid to solid.
- I am learning about reading and writing.
- I am learning about good nutrition.
- I am learning to follow directions.