



WHEN YOUR CHILD USES MANIPULATIVE ACTIVITIES:

- They explore new concepts, practice emerging skills, and reinforce skills already mastered.
- They develop fine motor practise.
- They learn to plan, classify, sort, predict, problem solve, reflect and review.
- They develop a knowledge of the world around them, using real objects and concrete examples.
- They learn how to learn.



When you ask me what I've done at school to-
day, and I say, "I Just Played."
Please don't misunderstand me.
You see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my
work,
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work **includes** play.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Developmental Curriculum Classroom



The Power of Play

*"We don't stop playing
because we grow old, we grow
old because we stop playing."*

George Bernard Shaw

The Power of Play

Investigation Time is an authentic, hands-on approach that engages and stimulates learning in children. It better meets the needs of individual children in the most natural way and provides the opportunity to practice essential skills.

- Involves Literacy and Numeracy .
- Promotes social skills: taking turns, persistence, resilience, getting along, organisation and confidence.
- Develops speaking and listening skills: provides authentic opportunities for children to communicate and interact with each other.
- Provides open-ended, hands on experiences which fosters creativity, thinking skills, problem solving, imagination, responsibility, questioning, reflecting.
- Develops gross and fine motor skills.
- Engages and supports creative learning opportunities.



When I'm building in the block area ,

Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."

You see, I'm learning as I play: about balance and shapes.

Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

WHEN YOUR CHILD BUILDS WITH BLOCKS

They learn to use their imagination to create something from their own thinking.

They have the satisfaction of being able to make something.

They learn about sizes and shapes; weights and balances; height and depth; smoothness and roughness.

They are exercising their bodies.

They learn to play with others.



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