

Helpful Ideas for Parents and Caregivers



Find time to play with your children

Praise and encourage your child, praise for effort is more important than the end result

The social and physical interaction that occurs between you and your child is very important. Try to include activities that bring you together

Remember, children learn by doing

Observe children at play. Offer assistance only when children are unable to do it for themselves

Include some activities that your child can do well. Success is a great reward. Use activities or games that your child suggests.



Instead of saying "What is it?" when talking about children's creative work, say, "Would you like to tell me about it?" or "Show me what it does"

Do not crush children's ideas, but add something to them to make them fit into the pattern

Be interested in what they are interested in and be sensitive to their moods.

On any creative work, encourage children to work out their own ideas.

Give children a choice; nothing is gained when there is a clash of wills!

And finally,

Give them every opportunity possible to 'live' what you want them to learn