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EARLY YEARS



TOYS FOR
CHILDREN



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An Info-letter For Parents And Teachers

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Each and every child is born with the natural drive for growth, development and learning. I think this bottom line no one who has anything to do with children will argue with. Given that this is so, what is the most natural method by which the child reaches these developmental goals? Play, of course.



To define play is at the same time easy and very difficult. It has been called many things- "the work of the child"; "the vocation of a child"

TOYS FOR THE YOUNG

Infants and toddlers engage in activities that stimulate their senses and develop motor skills. They actively explore objects and their own capabilities through simple and repetitious play. The infant is generally happy with play that involves his/her senses and involves movement. While infants play alone or with playthings, toddlers play beside other children, although not with them. They may or may not speak with each other or pay attention to each other.

Preschool children like to build and create with objects, take on roles, and use props to replace an original object. They playfully re-enact events and change details to match personal needs and desires. This is commonly known as pretend play.

Some general playthings-

- Sand ,water, clay
- Household articles, activities
- Books
- Paints
- Outdoors
- Music
- dance

Nothing replaces the human interactions in the child's environment.



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