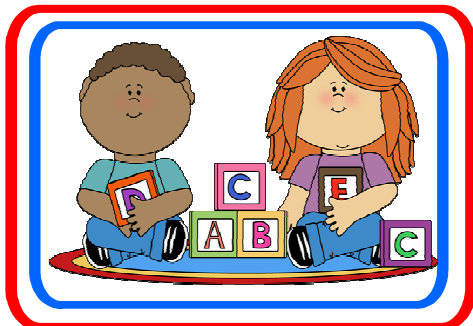


Our Learning Environment...Centers

When you see your children at play in our classroom they are really at work. The following will help you to better understand the opportunities that our LEARNING ENVIRONMENT provides.

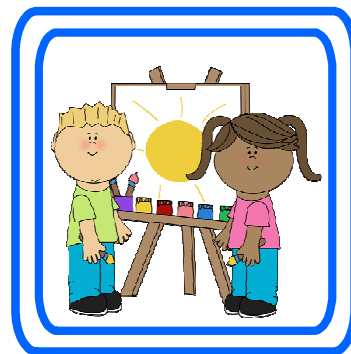
Through blocks a child:



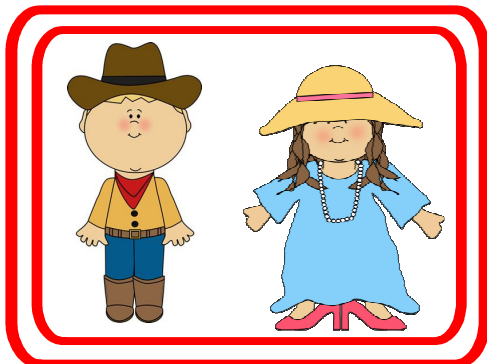
- ❖ Has the opportunity for using large muscles to lift, carry & stack
- ❖ Chooses sizes & shapes
- ❖ Learns to make decisions
- ❖ Engages in conversations
- ❖ Works with others
- ❖ Recognizes rights of others
- ❖ Learns to put materials away

- Enjoys the sensory experience of seeing & feeling
- Has the opportunities to think
- Has outlets for emotional tensions & frustrations
- Enjoys manipulation through rolling, squeezing, pounding, pushing & pulling
- Creates things & names products
- Enjoys stories about products
- Experiments with color
- Discovers interesting, innovative ideas
- Has opportunity for social experiences

Through art a child:



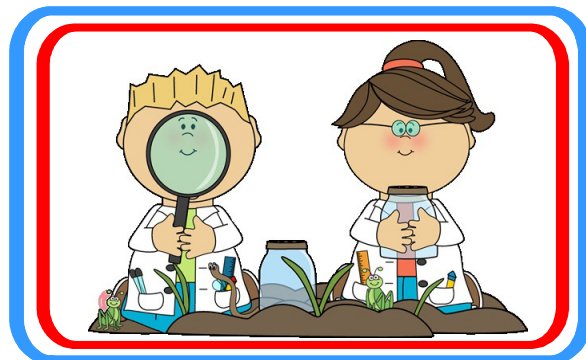
Through the dramatic play center a child:



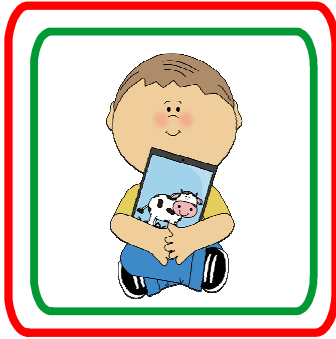
- ❖ Simulates realistic home-life experiences
- ❖ Develops muscular coordination by manipulating housekeeping material
- ❖ Begins to develop cooperation skills
- ❖ Reveals thoughts & attitudes through conversation

Through science and messy media a child:

- ✓ Enjoys the sensory experiences of seeing, hearing, smelling, touching & tasting
- ✓ Develops skills such as observing, measuring, & predicting
- ✓ Develops a sense of curiosity & creative problem solving / Increases vocabulary



Through the technology center a child:



- ❖ Develops eye/hand coordination
- ❖ Improves tracking skills
- ❖ Develops fine muscle coordination
- ❖ Develops numeral and letter recognition
- ❖ Moves in a left to right progression
- ❖ Works cooperatively with others
- ❖ Enjoys a sense of achievement

Through books a child:

- Practices language skills
- Enjoys literature
- Increases vocabulary
- Learns new ideas & relates them to precious experiences
- Becomes interested in learning how to read
- Enjoys stories
- Learns how to handle books & tapes



Through puzzles a child:



- Develops small muscle skills
- Develops eye/hand coordination skills
- Explores spatial relationships
- Works independently & makes choices
- Thinks, reasons, & problem solves
- Experiences concepts of size, shape, & position

Through the writing center a child:

- Develops fine motor skills
- Experiments with lines & curves
- Uses his imagination
- Creates "stories", lists, etc.
- Explores a wide variety of writing materials
- Models what he sees others doing while "writing"
- Gains self confidence

