

Engaging Early Learners

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“Our goal should be to give our children the skills for learning so they can embark upon a lifetime of becoming educated.” – Mortimer Adler, 20th century educator

What's on YOUR list? Top 10!!!

Development –

Most important tasks:

- Develop emotional stability –
- Develop language and communication skills
- Develop knowledge about things and events around them
- Develop a “disposition to learn”

Action – There is NO magic age when “schooling” begins.

When taught at the right time, with the right approach, learning will happen.

Learning styles –

Don't underestimate everyday life, conversation, activities, problem solving, life skills, **delight!**

Quick overview of learning to read (Language Arts) –

- Learn to talk
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- Pre-reading – Goal: learn what reading and writing are for and that they are useful and enjoyable things to do.
 - Reading books aloud and talking about them develop:
 - Vocabulary
 - Sequencing
 - Problem solving
 - Knowledge
 - Thinking skills
 - Sentence structure
- Fluency Stage – Goal: Learn to read
 - READ!!!! Practice, practice, practice
 - Reading is learned by reading

- At least 2 years
- Easy is OK & good
- Let them devour books
- Develops:
 - Vocabulary
 - Spelling skills – by seeing words often
 - Beginning writing skills
- Information Stage – Goal: Read to Learn (4th-Jr. High)
 - Read for information and recreation
 - Will probably read more books during this period than any other time of life

Keeping Little Ones occupied while working or teaching others:

- Fill their tank
- Plan their activities ahead of time
- Have special toys/games/activities and a special place
- Utilize their siblings
- Use nap time
- Use a timer
- Use a sheet as their “classroom”
- Have a bin for their “school”

Resources:

LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Your curriculum could consist of teaching them the parameters around which they may play and teaching them the responsibility of putting away and how to do it.

Language & Thinking for Young Children – Ruth Beechick

The Three R’s – Ruth Beechick

Slow & Steady, Get me Ready - June Oberlander

For the Children’s Sake – Susan Schaeffer McCauley

Preschool Activities in a Bag – Paula Reetz & Sherri MacLean

Mudpies to Magnets and More Mudpies to Magnets – Roger Williams

Lauri products

Green Alligators

Peg-gy Back game

www.toddler toddler.com

www.preschooexpress.com

www.filefolderfun.com

Dot-to-Dots

Mazes

Hidden pictures

Jigsaw puzzles

Matching games/fabric or wall paper

Match the Tupperware lids

Scattered #s

Blocks

Buttons

Scissors/Hole punch/Paper

Pipe cleaners

Tell stories just from pictures

Put away silverware

Alphabet lunch

Play Doh

Fabric

Measuring cups & spoons

Pattern blocks

Silly sentences

Match socks

War card game