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What is a Play Based Curriculum?

The teachers at Parents’ Day Out promote language, early literacy, math and science through activities that encourage creative, hands-on exploration. Important learning takes place within the context of “play”.

Unfortunately, the importance of play is often discounted. Play can be misinterpreted as “not doing anything of great significance”. In our setting, play means guided and purposeful exploration that allows children to experiment, discover, and master new skills – it allows children to learn at their own pace.

Children are best supported when they are allowed to approach new tasks when they are developmentally ready. Given the time and the support to learn at a pace that matches their individual needs, they are more likely to succeed in the present as well as in later educational experiences.

Unfortunately, a pressured child or a hurried child often learns that the process of learning is NOT FUN. A primary goal of our program is to send children on to their next educational experience as curious, confident, and capable individuals who thoroughly enjoy the process of learning. In doing so, we hope to create and nurture life long learners.