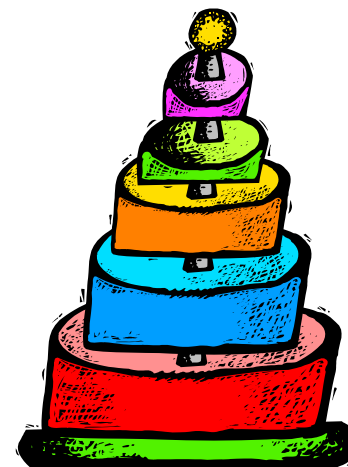


# ABC's and D of Play



## Increasing Early Learning Opportunities Training Module

Activities for increasing early literacy opportunities  
and skills with children 3 to 5 through play

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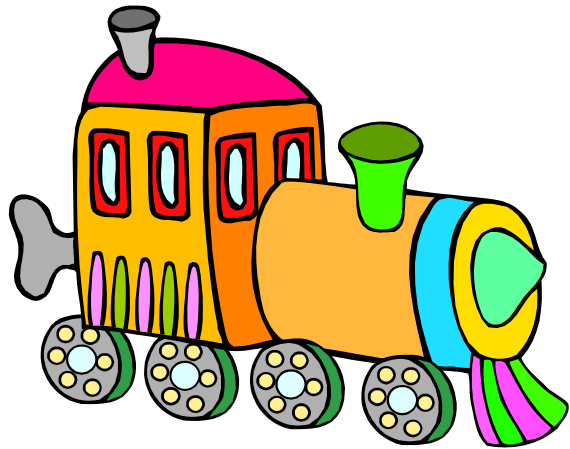
# Importance of Play

“There are few places outside his own play where a child can contribute to the world in which he finds himself.” Author Unknown



Play is a vehicle for learning the things a child wants to know and for introducing new things.

# Allow children to lead



**Notice** what children are looking at and interested in

**Watch** the children's expressions and exaggerate your own when interacting

**Look** to the body language of children

# Be Sure to talk WITH children

Repeat Sounds

Make Associations

Sing & Play with Words

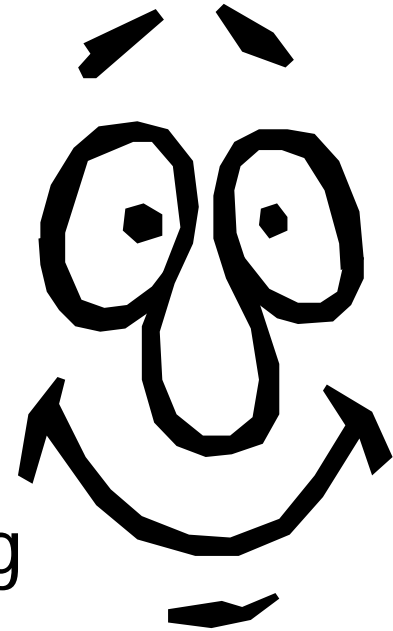
Play Word Games

Talk with children about everything

Name what you see

Describe what you are doing

Ask Questions



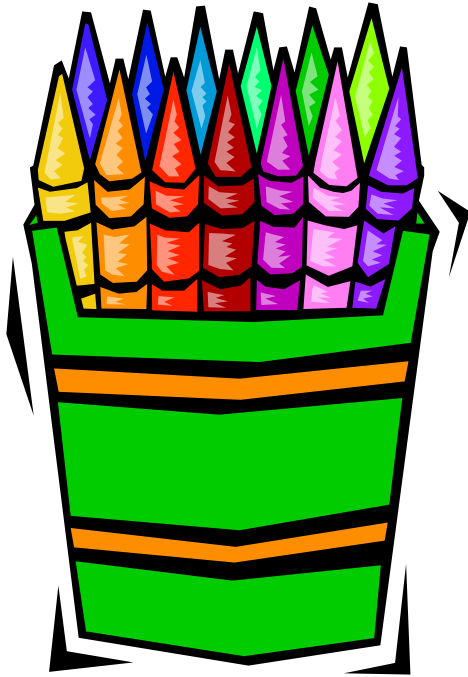
# C Create New Experiences

Encourage Curiosity

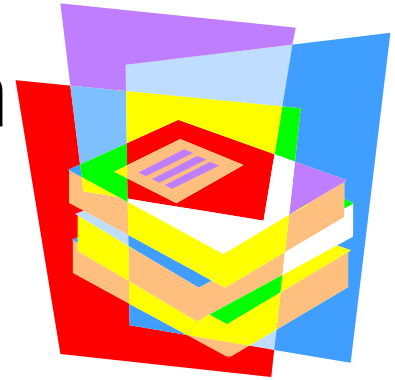
Create Adventures

Rehearse and Extend New Skills

Take Trips



# Discover the fun of books



## Read Aloud

Use different voice tones and inflections

Make reading a part of your daily routine

Encourage children to talk about books

Model for children so they learn to listen

Ask questions

Expand on story experiences through play

# Embrace Child Created Moments

- Making the most of shared moments involves:
  - Getting on children's level
  - Imitating your children
  - Interpreting what is happening
  - Taking turns
  - Commenting about things you observe
  - Asking children questions then waiting for responses



Thank you for coming

Have fun playing and learning with your children

