

Allow children to choose

Making decisions is an important part of learning. Choosing and sharing are powerful aspects of the learning process.



Allow and encourage them to play both indoors and outdoors.

Provide natural materials such as sand, water and some containers, paper, pencils, pens, waste materials, glue, and paint.



Introduce board and card games. Provide materials for counting, sorting and measuring.

Children playing freely are themselves. In observing them at play, teachers and parents have opportunities to discern a child's interests, capabilities, character and social and emotional development. When a parent or a teacher gives them time to play, and to clean up, children learn to become responsible citizens.



Children feel free outdoors. They can make run, jump, play hard and make noise.

Be aware of, acknowledge, support and celebrate the gifts and interests of each child.

In an open atmosphere where there is choosing and sharing, each child is able to shine according to his/her own capabilities.

Limit screen time and help children use technology respectfully.

Active play is healthier.

Face to face communication allows children to discern facial expression, body language denote reactions and tone of voice. Rapport, respect and empathy are possible outcomes.

Encourage healthy eating

Teach children about the sources of food. Grow food. Visit farms. Teach the child to cook.

Give them time to learn.

As adults we can be anxious, worried about children getting behind. Rather, we need to allow them to develop in their own time—not forcing but supporting and encouraging every step of the way. It is desirable that children learn within a multi-age group. They learn from each other. They are inspired by those older and in turn inspire those younger as well as having the opportunity to review what they already know.

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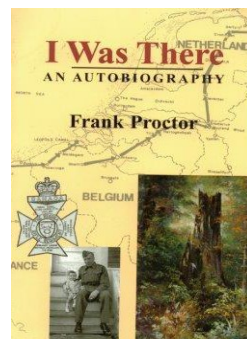
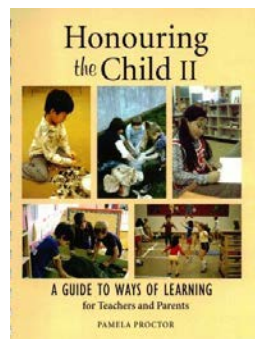
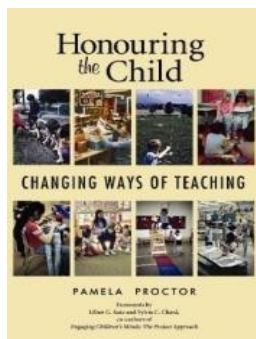
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