



Parent/Child Play-Based Learning Groups January - April 2012

The Value of Play-based Learning Groups

When an adult plays with a child, new opportunities for growth open up, for the child and for the adult. Play between a parent and child facilitates relationship building. It enhances intimacy through touch, smiles, and language. It produces emotional expression through laughter and mutual respect through turn taking. It provides a medium through which we pass on our values and our view of the world and through which we can get a glimpse of the person our child is growing to be.

An opportunity for parents to learn how their daily interactions can promote their child's healthy cognitive and emotional development. Group activities take place in a safe and stimulating playroom where songs, games and play promote language acquisition, social/emotional skills, motor skills, and intellectual growth.

Learning to Play...Playing to Learn Play is a way for children to learn about their world while developing emotionally, socially and intellectually. There's no right or wrong way to play; what matters is that a child is given safe items in safe places and is encouraged to experiment, express herself, learn on her own, control her environment, connect with others and make sense of her surroundings. **To engage a child in play:** *Jump right in...Forget the rules...Participate enthusiastically...Let a child guide his play.*

Baby & Me Play-Based Learning Group Newborns - Walking Mondays 1:00pm - 2:30 pm

Join us in a relaxed and fun play environment just right for you and your infant. Play builds your baby's brain as it builds your relationship. Come enjoy your baby in every new stage!



**Newborn Baby Care
Wednesdays, 2-5 PM**
Just \$10 for a 3 hour workshop includes certificate and handouts pre-registration required

**January 18, 2012
February 15, 2012
March 21, 2012
April 18, 2012**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
9:00-10:30 Play-Based GRP 1:00-2:30 Baby & Me (Birth - Walking)	9:00-10:30 Play-Based GRP	9:00-10:30 Play-Based GRP 12:30-2:00 Play-Based GRP	9:00-10:30 Play-Based GRP	10:00-11:30 Multiples Group
<u>Stay & Play</u> Nanini Library 9:30-11:00	<u>Stay & Play</u> Miller Library 9:00-10:30	<u>Stay & Play</u> Columbus Library 10:00-11:30	<u>Stay & Play</u> The Good Shepherd Church of Christ (Sahuarita, AZ) 10:00-11:30 Acacia Elementary 9:30-11:00 CDO High School North Annex 10:00-1130	<u>Stay & Play</u> Martha Cooper Library 10:00-11:30 Robles Elementary Room E-120 9:30-11:00
Woods Library 10:00-11:30	Mission Library 9:30-11:00	Sam Lena Library 10:00-11:30		

NO PLAY-BASED GROUPS Intersession Dates: March 26 - March 31, 2012

Sign & Play:

*Pre-registration Required- \$10 for a 4-week series
parent and child play-based learning group with emphasis on sign language and its benefits
Saturdays, January 21 - February 11, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturdays, April 14 - May 5, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You begin teaching your baby during your pregnancy - through your touch, and your voice. From the start, you shape your child's future by providing a variety of experiences. **Parents as Teachers (PAT)** is a family education and support program that begins prenatally and extends to age 5.

In PAT, you are supported by certified parent educators who use the *Born to Learn*™ Curriculum that translates scientific information on early brain development into concrete suggestions on ways to teach and nurture your child.

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