



Parent/Child Play-Based Learning Groups July ♦ August ♦ September 2010

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.*



**First Steps
Infant 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!



<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 Birth - Walking	9:00-10:30 Play-Based GRP	9:00-10:30	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 10:00-11:30 (starting 7/28)	<u>Stay & Play</u> The Good Shepherd Church of Christ (Sahuarita, AZ) 10:00-11:30	<u>Stay & Play</u> M. Cooper Library 10:00-11:30
Valencia Library 10:00-11:30	Mission Library 9:30-11:00	Arizona Center 9:30-11		
Woods Library 10:00-11:30				

Intersession Dates: September 27, 2010 - October 3, 2010
NO PLAY-BASED GROUPS

Sign Language Workshop - Quick Start for the Family

*Pre-registration Required \$20/per family including book
Saturdays July 31 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sign with your Baby (SWYB):

*Pre-registration Required \$60/parent and child for a 4 week course including book
Level 1 Saturdays September 11 - October 2 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Call for more information: **321-1500**

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