



Parent/Child Play-Based Learning Groups January ♦ February ♦ March 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.*

FREE

Baby & Me Play-Based Group

Newborn – 8 months
Mondays
1:00pm – 2:30 pm

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

Join us!

Monday

9:00-10:30
Play-Based GRP
1:00-2:30
Birth - 8 Months

Stay & Play

Columbus Library
9:30-11:00

Nanini Library
9:30-11:00

Valencia Library
10:00-11:30

Woods Library
10:00-11:30

Tuesday

9:00-10:30
Play-Based GRP

Stay & Play

Miller Library
9:00-10:30

Mission Library
9:30-11:00

Wednesday

9:00-10:30
up-to-24 Months

Stay & Play

Arizona Center
9:30-11:00

Thursday

9:00-10:30
Play-Based GRP
11:00-12:30
Twins Group

Stay & Play

The Good Shepherd
Church of Christ
(Sahuarita, AZ)
10:00-11:30

Friday

9:00-10:30
Play-Based GRP

Stay & Play

M. Cooper Library
10:00-11:30

**Intersession Dates: March 29, 2010 - April 4, 2010
NO PLAY-BASED GROUPS**

Sign Language Classes

*Pre-registration Required: DEADLINE 3 days before first meeting

Sign with your Baby (SWYB):

\$60/4 week course (includes book)

Level 1	Saturdays	March 20 - April 17	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Level 2	Saturdays	March 20 - April 17	12:30 AM - 1:15 PM

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

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