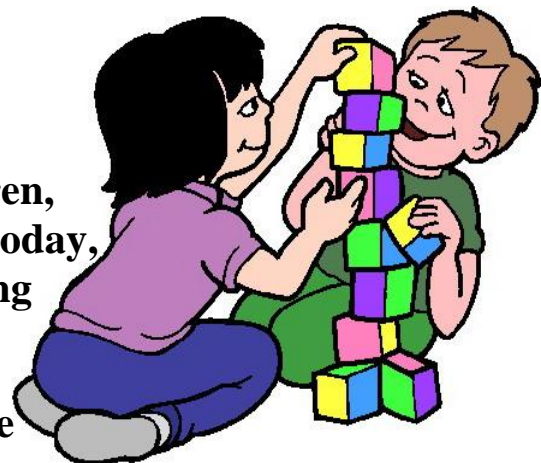


The Value of Play

**You say that you love your children,
And are concerned that they learn today,
As am I, that's why I'm providing
A variety of kinds of play.**



**You are asking what's the value
Of having your children play?
Your daughter's creating a tower,
She may be a builder someday**

**You're asking me the value
Of blocks and sand and clay.
Your children are solving problems,
They will use that skill every day.**

**You're saying that you don't want your son
To play in that sissy way.
He's learning to cuddle a doll,
He may be a father someday.**

**You're questioning the interest centers,
They just look like useless play.
Your children are making choices,
They'll be on their own someday.**

**You're worried your children aren't learning
And later they'll have to pay.
They're learning a pattern for learning,
For they'll be learners always.**

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