"I played

When you ask your child, "What did you do at school today?" and their answer is, "I played." Please know this is what they are really telling you ... "I learned many new things and it was fun!!!!"

Look at just <u>SOME</u> of the things a child learns through <u>PLAY</u>...

In the LANGUAGE & LITERACY center, the child:

- Learns to recognize and identify the letters of the alphabet and their sounds
- Learns respect and care for books
- Expands interest in words and books
- Develops an understanding of concepts about books and print

In the MATH center, the child:

- Practices counting
- Learns to identify numbers
- Understands number order and quantities
- Creates patterns
- Distinguishes shapes by their attributes

In the BLOCK center, the child:

- Develops large and small muscle control
- Improves eye-hand coordination
- Explores spatial relationships and comparisons of sizes and shapes
- Plans and solves problems while working with other children

In the DRAMATIC PLAY center, the child:

- Makes decisions
- Explores adult roles
- Practices expressive language
- Develops problem solving skills like sharing and taking turns
- Uses their imagination

In the ART center, the child:

- Develops eye-hand coordination and refines small muscle control
- Learns a proper pencil grip
- Expresses unique ideas and feelings
- Develops their creativity
- Learns to respect the artistic expression of others

In the SCIENCE center, the child:

- Develops their five senses
- Learns to be a good observer
- Formulates and evaluates predictions
- Begins to classify
- Begins to collect data

These are just some of the fantastic things your child will learn this year in preschool!

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