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JUNE NEWS BRIEF

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Play Skills

Summer is the perfect time of year to address this very important social skill. The act of playing is actually a learned developmental skill that begins when the child is still quite young. The earliest level of play consists of random play where the child/infant may mouth, touch or feel different objects by tasting, looking at, listening and feeling, not sure yet what to do with the object.

The next level is the beginning of early functional play when a child may push a car or stack blocks and may begin to use toys the way they are supposed to be used.

The third level is creative-symbolic play when a child begins to use symbols in play, such as, a shoe box for a train or a wagon as a stroller.

Later and lastly, imaginative play develops where the child begins to play with imaginary friends, plays teacher or doctor and takes on the role of another person.

The summer is the best time of year to encourage these very important aspects of play. Encourage outdoor play, arrange play dates, and teach correct social behavior when engaging in an activity. Most of all, enjoy these summer month's taking advantage of the weather and the many summer activities available.



DID YOU KNOW? There are links between higher levels of imagination and greater intelligence.

**WARM WISHES FOR A HAPPY
AND
SAFE SUMMER !!!!!**

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