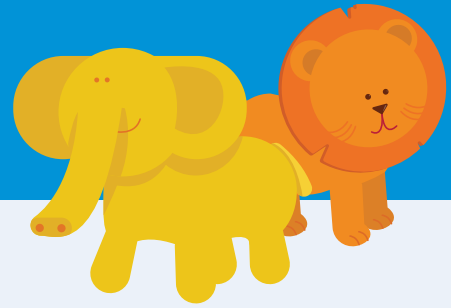


THE GENIUS OF PLAY AT HOME



Dear Families,

Your child is exploring the “Genius of Play” in the classroom. Research has proven that kids learn better if they PLAY and LEARN together! Continue this exploration at home by trying one of these FUN activities.

- 1 Play a board game.** Did you know that nearly all board games have an educational benefit? Yahtzee, for instance, builds math skills. Scrabble is great for spelling and vocabulary.
- 2 Go on a bug hunt.** It’s a great excuse to learn about the natural world. Can you identify what you find?
- 3 Make up stories.** Head to the bookshelf to find your child’s favorite book, and together spend 5-10 minutes making up a new story with the characters from it.
- 4 Grocery story math.** Let your child choose a healthy snack at the grocery store if they can do a little math along the way. Give them 5-7 items to add up while shopping.
- 5 Color your milk.** Use food coloring to turn milk into a fun shade. This is a great lesson in color mixing.
- 6 Make a greeting card.** It’s fun to receive a “just because” card. Make one together with your child and discuss with them vocabulary choices and what bigger words mean.
- 7 Plant something.** It’s a good science lesson, and the whole family will enjoy waiting for your plant to sprout.

“Play is the primary way we discover and make sense of the world as children.” —PARENTING EXPERT, MEREDITH SINCLAIR

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