

Early Learning Tip May - Unstructured Play

School District 60 wants you to know...

You are your child's first and best teacher. You can help your child grow strong roots for learning both in and out of school.

Tip - Unstructured Play



- **encourage** creative and pretend play
- **let** children be creative outside with sticks, dirt, leaves and rocks or inside with blankets, pillows, chairs or boxes
- **provide** time for dramatic play alone or with other children

Why?

When play is child-driven, children practice decision-making skills, move at their own pace, and discover areas of interest on their own. The most creative play takes place outside of direct adult supervision. As you might remember from your childhood, we don't need to have every moment scheduled, and, in fact, some of the best creativity comes from being bored. To find out more information go to:

www.fsj.familyfriendlycommunity.org or www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca