

# LET THEM PLAY!

Play should be fun, engaging and challenging. By helping children take part in different types of play on their own, and with others, and by providing a well-resourced play environment inside and out, caregivers can greatly enrich the learning opportunities that play provides.



## **PRETEND PLAY - WRITING MENUS AND TAKING ORDERS...**

**...DEVELOPS CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION, LITERACY AND MATH, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES.**



## **PLAYING WITH NESTING OR STACKING TOYS AND LARGE BLOCKS...**

**...DEVELOPS FINE MOTOR SKILLS.**

(Fine Motor—small movements that support skills such as self-care and pencil holding).



## **PLAYING DRESS-UP ...**

**...DEVELOPS CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES.**



## **PLAYING WITH PUZZLES AND BUILDING TOYS...**

**...DEVELOPS COORDINATION.**



## **PLAYING ANY TYPE OF GAME...**

**...DEVELOPS LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TEACHES CHILDREN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS.**



## **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES...**

**...DEVELOPS FINE AND LARGE MOTOR SKILLS.**

(Fine Motor—small movements that support skills such as self-care and pencil holding. Large Motor—bigger movements that support muscle development).

