PURPOSEFUL PLAY IN KINDERGARTEN

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Strategies to build executive function skills

Message of the Day
- inhibitory control
- attention
- working memory
- literacy concepts

Linear Calendar
- working memory
- concepts of time
- math concepts

Graphic Practice
- inhibitory control
- memory
- fine motor development
- following directions

I Have, Who Has
- inhibitory control
- academic concepts
- taking turns
- following directions
VISUAL MEDIATORS
PREDICTABILITY

- Daily schedule
- Linear calendar
- Line Order/Star of the Week
- Message of the day
May 23, 2022

We will go to an assembly and sing today!
VISUAL MEDIATORS

- Build independence
- Facilitate routines
- Provide consistency
- Support effective executive skills development
- Proactive behavior strategy
PURPOSEFUL
PLAY

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
LEGO BUILDS
PLANS

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Julien and David will play with blocks in the block center and make a block town and play with cars and with Cronkite.
PLAY PLANS
THE VET
AS BUILDING PRINCIPAL...
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- Scheduling
- Community Building (Arrival /Breakfast/Morning Meeting)
- No transition for first hour of day
- Doing what feels best for kids
- Encourage proactive & positive behavior management
- Be flexible with teachers
WHAT THE DATA SHOWS...
K-2 DATA

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Play turns out to be so stunningly essential to childhood, It's like love, sunshine, & broccoli all juiced together.