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Free Play: A Great Time for Pretending...and learning

Today I built a house, went to the market and visited the zoo. I did these things without even having to leave the classroom! As I started on my morning tasks it didn't take long to have some friends from the Sunshine Red to join in the fun. Together we built our houses. Mom wanted to cook a meal in the kitchen so we built a market for her to go shopping at. We bought some meat, some vegetables and some fruit. One little boy wanted bananas because he likes them. Our pretend play turned toward the animal basket that was on the shelf. Together we build enclosures for a lion, an elephant and a pig. We talked about what each animal eats as we fed them their lunch. The children and I had a grand time during Free play. Besides the fun of just being together, during our play the children had the chance to develop vocabulary. We practiced using different grammar structures and we even learned about what animals eat. Also, we had opportunities to work on social skills by talking about respecting each other's work by not taking blocks that others were using.

Whether your a teacher at school or a dad or mom at home, you can use imaginative play to enjoy your children...and maybe even teach them something, too..

Kind Regards,

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