

## It Looks Like Play, It's Really Work

### **Painting**.....develops.....

Using bright colors to create satisfying symbols. Movement of arms, wrists, hands and fingers.

### **Writing Skills**

Working with paints and crayons is relaxing and gives the thrill of accomplishment as well as providing practice in the use of hand and arm muscles.

### **Sharing Time**.....develops.....

Relating what has happened at home, e.g. the new baby. Explaining a picture painted. Describing the new car, a visit to a relative, or a ride on the train.

### **Language Skills**

Speaking before a group is sometimes difficult, especially for shy children. Telling stories helps overcome this difficulty.

### **Rhythms & Singing**.....develops.....

Hopping, skipping and running in rhythm. Dancing like whirling leaves, or gliding like an airplane. Singing of falling snow and growing things.

### **Self-expression & Coordinating**

Children need to do things with others, in harmony, where the help of all is necessary. They need to use words clearly to express thoughts through music and movement.

### **Looking at Books**.....develops.....

Turning pages, looking at brightly colored pictures. Telling others about them, making up stories about them. Showing others what is interesting or funny.

### **Interest in Books**

Books become interesting, friendly things, and words in print tell a story.

### **Listening to Stories**.....develops.....

Stories are read and discussed. Children tell of their experiences and share made-up stories.

### **Listening Skills**

Listening to others isn't easy in an age characterized by activity, but listening and thinking are necessary skills for communicating with others.

### **Sharing Playthings**.....develops.....

Taking turns with toys, games, scissors, and glue, letting others play and cut. Understanding how a group can have fun and get things done too.

### **Social Skills**

At home, playthings are *mine*, in school, *ours*. It's a hard lesson, but a necessary one for success in school and for living with others pleasantly.

### **Cutting & Gluing**.....develops.....

Scrapbooks, illustrations for a story. Pictures for a bulletin board display. Holiday decorations. Creating your own design.

### **Writing Skills**

Cutting on a line and keeping glue within bounds takes concentration. Small hands and young muscles need training and development for the fine motor skills needed for writing.