

Capsule 4 The thirst for discovery

In day-to-day life

- ▶ Play is the ultimate activity for your children. It's their job!
- ▶ Through play, they will learn new concepts, enrich their vocabulary, discover new things, and gain a better understanding of what they already know.
- ▶ Through exploring, experimenting and manipulating, children learn about the world around them.
- ▶ Take part in your children's play. Have fun with them; ask them questions about what they are doing, and encourage them as they discover the world.

Did you know that...?

- ▶ Play is an essential activity for children's mental and physical development.

Source: www.pagesperso-orange.fr

- ▶ Children need to spend time just having fun playing.

Source: Early Learning Framework

Suggested activities

- ▶ With the following play dough recipe, you can put your talents to the test in Activity 4A.
- ▶ Have fun with your child making a caterpillar puppet such as the one in Activity 4B.

Source: www.jt44.free.fr

Discoveries to make:

No-Bake Play Dough

Ingredients:

- ✓ 1 cup salt
- ✓ 2 cups flour
- ✓ 1 cup water
- ✓ 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ✓ Food colouring



Preparation:

1. In a mixing bowl, place the salt, the flour, the water and the oil.
2. Mix together until you reach the desired consistency.
3. Divide the dough into portions.
4. Add a few drops of food colouring to each portion
5. Knead the colour through until the dough looks right.
6. Store the play dough in a zippered plastic bag or in a plastic airtight container.

Source: www.educatout.com



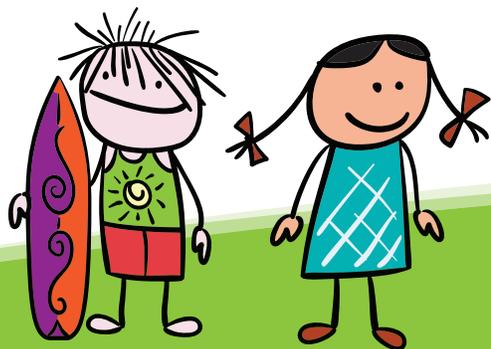
Capsule 4 for parents

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Children who play are children who learn. There is nothing better than play for learning a new language and developing vocabulary! Encouraging your children to have fun in French is an excellent way to prepare them to succeed in a public French-language school.

Quick Tips

- ✓ Take your children to the park as often as possible, to help them discover their environment.
- ✓ Organize activities to help develop an interest for mathematics through counting, sorting and grouping games, etc.
- ✓ Take them to the supermarket and help them discover the shapes and colours of fruits and vegetables.
- ✓ Ask them to set the table by putting the right number of forks, knives and spoons for each member of the family.
- ✓ Visit your local library or museums with your children.
- ✓ Observe the environment together: children are often fascinated by animals and plants. The world around them is an endless source of learning and vocabulary.



Available resources

In the community:

- Exhibits or fairs
- School library
- Early Years Centre
- Community resource centre
- French-language bookstores

On the Internet:

- www.librairieducentre.com
- www.archambault.ca
- www.renaud-bray.com
- www.scholastic.ca
- www.tfo.org
- www.investirdanslenfance.ca
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