

Engaging Early Learners

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“Our goal should be to give our children the skills for learning so they can embark upon a lifetime of becoming educated.” – Mortimer Adler, 20th century educator

What's on YOUR list? Top 10!!!

Early Development –

Most important tasks:

- Develop emotional stability
- Develop language and communication skills
- Develop knowledge about things and events around them
- Develop a “disposition to learn”

How? Talk, read, **PLAY!**

Don't underestimate everyday life, conversation, activities, problem solving, life skills, **delight!**

Action – There is NO magic age when “schooling” begins.

When taught at the right time, with the right approach, learning will happen.

Academics – Better Late Than Early

Quick overview of learning to read (Language Arts) – because everyone worries about it

- Learn to talk

- Pre-reading – Goal: learn what reading and writing are for and that they are useful and enjoyable things to do.
 - Reading books aloud and talking about them develop:
 - Vocabulary
 - Sequencing
 - Problem solving
 - Knowledge
 - Thinking skills
 - Sentence structure
- Fluency Stage – Goal: Learn to read. Don't rush. It takes practice.
- Information Stage – Goal: Read to Learn. (4th-Jr. High)

Keeping Little Ones occupied while working or teaching elders:

- Fill their tank
- Plan their activities ahead of time
- Have special toys/games/activities and a special place
- Use nap time
- Utilize their siblings
- Use a timer
- Use a sheet as their “classroom”

When the “Littles” want to “do school”:

Dot-to-Dots	Blocks	Play-Doh
Mazes	Buttons	Fabric
Hidden pictures	Scissors/Hole punch/Paper	Measuring cups & spoons
Jigsaw puzzles	Pipe cleaners	Pattern blocks
Matching games - fabric or wall paper	Tell stories just from pictures	Silly sentences
Match the Tupperware lids	Put away silverware	Match socks
Scattered numbers	Alphabet lunch	War card game

KEEP IT SIMPLE - - THEY WILL LEARN IN THEIR OWN TIME

Resources:

LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Library card

www.toddertoddler.com

www.preschoolexpress.com

www.filefolderfun.com

All of the following resources are available from Heppner’s Legacy:

[Slow and Steady, Get me Ready](#) – June Oberlander

[For the Children’s Sake](#) – Susan Schaeffer Macauley

[Language and Thinking for Young Children](#) – Ruth Beechick

[Letter of the Week](#) – Carson-Dellosa

[Mudpies to Magnets and More Mudpies to Magnets](#) – Roger Williams

[The Three R’s](#) – Ruth Beechick

[Lauri products](#)

[Green Alligators](#)