

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 – Developmental readiness

YES, you can!

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
Stacking Cups	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

Working together to create developmentally appropriate “tasks” for young children.

Resources:

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

Library card

www.toddlerstoddler.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

[M is for Mama](#) – Abbie Halberstadt

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

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

[Big Thoughts for Little People](#) – Kenneth Taylor

[The Three R’s](#) – Ruth Beechick

[Five in a Row](#) – Jane Lambert

[Green Alligators](#) – Talicor

[Lacing Pets](#) – Melissa & Doug

[Sorting Bears](#) – Learning Resources

[Imagination Patterns](#) – Mindware

[Stacking Shapes Pegboard](#) – Learning Resources

[Mazes, Dot-to-Dots, Hidden Pictures](#) – Dover Publications