

Play Facilitation Techniques

Try out one or more of these ways to support your explorer's play and learning!

OBSERVE

Sit quietly nearby and watch. What do you notice about your explorer's play?

CO-PLAY

Join in and play right alongside your explorer! How do you like to play? How does it feel?

MIRROR

Notice how your child is playing. Then, sit nearby and imitate their play.

MODEL

Show your explorer another way to play with the materials and narrate what you are doing.

WONDER

Spark curiosity by wondering aloud "I wonder what would happen if we....?"

SPORTSCAST

Celebrate play and attune kids to the actions of others by narrating aloud what you see.

ADD A MATERIAL

Quietly add a new material to your explorer's play space. What happens?

ASK QUESTIONS

If your explorer seems open to chatting, ask open-ended questions about their play.