

THE LEARNER

AKWESASNE ZERO 2 SIX NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCTION

She:kon,

This newsletter is our way of providing relevant information that will benefit the whole family. Within this news letter you will find information regarding the areas of child development, parenting, setting boundaries, age appropriate chores, and budgeting to name a few.

Within this issue we will discuss the importance or unstructured play, creating a love of literacy, parent self-care.

Every issue will also contain an activity round up that will have learning extensions for all areas of development:

- Social
- Emotional
- Communication, language & Literacy
- Cognitive
- Physical (Gross Motor & Fine Motor)

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INVITATIONS TO PLAY AND PROVOCATIONS

I like to think of invitations to play as the foundation to provocations. An invitation to play invites children to learn through exploration, by providing materials in a creative, non-directive way, with no criteria for success.

Provocations build on invitations to play. But what do they do? Provocations provoke! They provoke and expand thoughts, discussions, questions, interest, creativity and ideas. Provocations can come in many different forms, such as photos, books, nature, displaying materials in different ways, introducing new materials, questions, and events. The possibilities are endless.

Children come into the world wired to make sense of life. When we provide hands-on experiences for children to practice, test, construct and deconstruct their ideas and theories you are helping them understand the world around them.

When you provide learning opportunities based on your children's interests they become highly invested in their own education, because they understand they are supported and valued. When you use both together the learning opportunities are endless.



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Their minds were not built to sit and be taught. They were built to explore, play and learn.

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EXAMPLES

As an RECE I do to an Invitation to play before introducing any provocations. Watch how your children engage with the materials, what direction they are taking it, if they totally ignore it that is okay too! Then you want to add any provocations that will expand their play even further.



PLAYDOUGH

Invitation: Playdough, assorted loose parts.

Provocation: *Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

BLOCKS

Invitation: blocks stacked in various ways.

Provocation: photos of builds, questions.



SENSORY

Invitation: pasta and assorted loose parts

Provocation: I spy game



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Invitation: Provide Playdough, and Alphabet rocks

Provocations: Asking the children to write their name with playdough and alphabet rocks.

RECYCLING

Invitation: Dump trucks, assorted recyclables.

Provocation: pans, asking them to sort by material.



LEGO PEOPLE

Invitation: Providing assembled Lego people

Provocations: Disassembled Lego People, photo to match Lego people, question to put people back together.