

# Immaculate Conception Pre-School Newsletter

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## Play Matters

January Issue

Some of the characteristics of highly successful people include being able to communicate effectively, make good decisions, be determined, flexible, organized, creative and self-motivated. Research shows that teaching children to read and write at an early age are not necessarily the factors which will make them successful members of society.

However, there is an abundance of research to support the importance of providing Pre-Schoolers with a rich PLAY environment in order to create successful individuals.

We are building Life-Long Learners; not just a child who can spell, count, read and write at 3 years old.

Let us focus on developing the skills for creativity, communication, critical thinking and collaboration.

As the girls are maturing, so are their conversations with each other and also the way they problem solve and work as a team.

Instead of rigorously forcing Sight Words and Letter Sounds, how about introducing the sights and sounds in nature?

How about teaching appreciation and gratitude for all that God has provided for us in the sight of the detailed pattern and colour of flowers and leaves as well as the sounds of the birds?

Continue to create great experiences and fond memories.

Life is short and they grow up so fast.

Play Matters!

S. Dodd-Williams

'Earlier is not better. All children accomplish milestones in their own way, in their own time'

Magda Gerber

# PLAY MATTERS

- The PreK girls have been learning about PLANTS.
1. What do plants need to live?
  2. Name the parts of a plant.

**NEVER QUIT!**

### How to Grow a Plant

Elizabeth

WAY TO GO!

1. Pour soil in a pot.
2. Use a trowel to dig a small hole in soil. Place a seed in the hole.
3. Give the seed water.
4. Put the pot in sunlight.
5. Water the sprout.
6. You did it! Watch your plant grow.

Labels: soil, seeds, watering can, sprout, plant.

Name: Hayley

I can label the parts of a plant.

Labels: flower, leaf, stem, roots.

## Upcoming Events

February  
Black History  
and  
Reggae Month

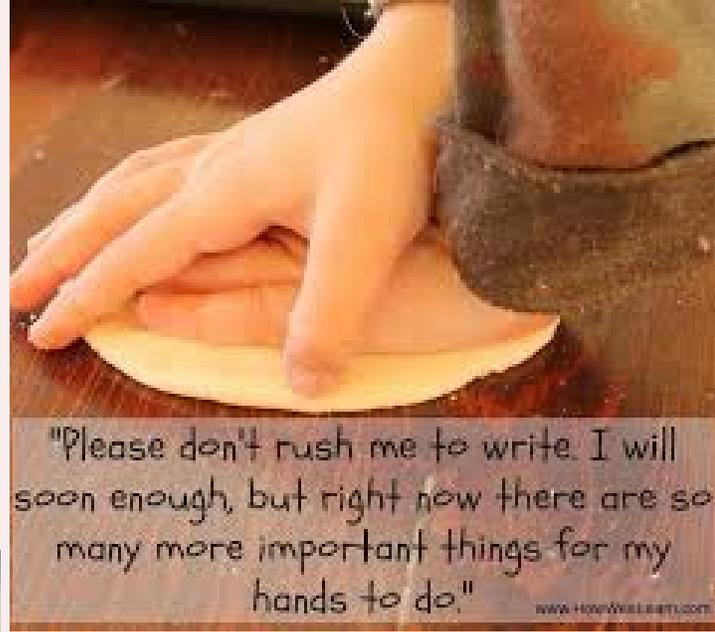


February 14th  
Valentine's Day

HSA Goodie Grams



Mid Term Break  
22nd- 24th February



"Please don't rush me to write. I will soon enough, but right now there are so many more important things for my hands to do." www.howwellit.com



Puzzle Play



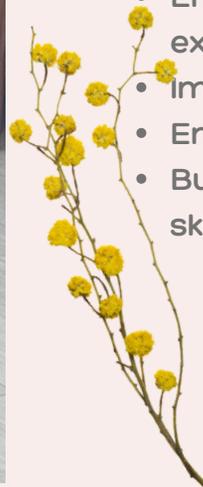
Lego Play

Our girls are maturing.  
They are learning to  
focus longer on specific  
tasks.



Playing with Lego helps to

- Strengthen Fine Motor skills
- Develop eye-hand coordination
- Achieve a sense of accomplishment
- Teach the art of persistence and patience
- Encourage creative thinking and experimentation
- Improve focus and concentration
- Enhance Self-Confidence
- Build Planning and Problem solving skills



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