



## Points to remember when playing with your child:

- ✓ Follow your child's lead.
- ✓ Pace the play at your child's level- don't rush them.
- ✓ Don't compete with your child.
- ✓ Try unstructured play which encourages imagination and avoids a win/lose situation  
e.g. Lego, play dough, colouring.
- ✓ Praise and encourage their efforts - do not criticize.
- ✓ Role play and Make Believe encourage creativity !
- ✓ Be an attentive and appreciative audience - give your child your complete attention e.g turn off the TV.
- ✓ Describe what your child is doing - don't question,  
e.g. "I see you are using the blue crayon to colour in the cat."
- ✓ Try not to help too much - children love to solve their own problems.
- ✓ Reward quiet play with your attention. It is often a chance to catch up with jobs, but your child will be thrilled if you notice them playing quietly.

**HAVE FUN !!**