

Whole-Child Development: Creative development through collaboration

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What are the primary pain points in elementary education?

Teaching early childhood, I try to promote development within six areas: fine motor, gross motor, self-help and adaptive skills, language, cognitive, and social-emotional. I found that with LEGO Education Preschool sets, I can use them in multifaceted ways. For example, the DUPLO® StoryTales Set can be used to develop social-emotional skills with role-playing, language skills for telling stories, cognitive skills for understanding and sequencing, and of course, fine-motor skills for physical manipulation of the bricks. With each set I am able to foster several areas of child development.

How do LEGO Education Preschool sets foster children's creative development?

Creativity and imagination are the cornerstones of preschool learning. Every one of the LEGO Education sets perfectly intertwine to stimulate creativity. Using the Tech Machines Set, my preschoolers are able to organize and construct their own tiny machines. They are so proud of their creations and love to tell stories about how each gear or gadget works. The StoryTales Set is also excellent for fostering creative learning. This set enables the preschoolers' imaginations to soar with their own stories and gives them a base for their own version of a favored story.

We believe that children must be systematically creative learners. Why is this especially important for preschool children?

Being systematically creative learners is important for preschool children because they are not abstract thinkers like primary students. They must have a concrete way of learning, and it is essential for preschoolers to be taught with tools that foster concrete thinking.

Free play is an important part of preschool. How do LEGO bricks enable free play while fostering creativity and curiosity that ignite imagination?

I believe that LEGO bricks are indispensable for fostering creativity during free play. LEGO bricks and LEGO Education Preschool sets are a part of my everyday free play. The best way of representing this can be seen when giving a student a set or bricks without any direction. I observe the child's activities and ask them about their creation. While doing this, the child is able to create anything without any restrictions. Their imagination can be boundless when playing within their own creative realm.



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