

Play-based learning is one of the most fundamental and impactful forms of learning in a person's life. "Play transcends cultural, socio-economic and political boundaries and is universal in impacting children positively" ~The Lego Foundation, 2018. Play has a positive effect on a student's skills, health, and wellbeing.

Here are some suggestions for inquiry through play that you can try at home. Be guided by your child - what are they curious about at home? E.g. your child is curious about the kitchen cupboards and why things in there are made of different materials. Or why soap creates bubbles. They love dressing up and role playing or building things from cardboard and tape. These are opportunities to see how play is learning as you

As an essential member of your child's learning community, you play an important role helping them take their learning deeper. There are 5 simple ways you can support your child's learning at home. Whether it is the more formal learning connected to their schooling, or the incidental, unplanned learning through play, exploration, and life experience; these 5 strategies will help you, help your child become a lifelong learner. In November, we wrote about "taking an inquiry stance" as strategy one. Here is strategy two for the month of December:

Support conceptual understanding

- a. Value Process
 - i. How did you do that?
 - ii. Why did you do that?
 - iii. What strategy did you use?
- b. Harness the Power of Key Concepts (These questions work for everything and every time.)
 - i. Form: What does it look like?
 - ii. Function: How does it work?
 - iii. Connection: How is it connected to other things?
 - iv. Change: How does change?
 - v. Causation: Why is it like that? Why is it the way it is?
 - vi. Perspective: What are the different points of view?