

HELPING PARENTS UNDERSTAND “HANDS-ON” LEARNING

Ms. Davis writes:

I am a pre-Kindergarten teacher. I had a parent say to me, “I do not want my child playing more than learning”. That’s when I knew that she did not have the understanding about “hands-on” learning. Do you have information that I could give to this parent on how young children learn through hands-on activities which can easily be mistaken for just play.

Jean replies:

There are articles on Preschool Express at the Learning Station, that can be given out to parents that may help them understand the importance of “Hands-On” learning. Look for these articles:

- The Importance of Hands-On Learning
- A time table for Learning
- Learning Thru Multi-Senses

You can also give your parents copies of the monthly parent/child calendars. The calendars should help parents understand that simple easy, often play situations can actually be teaching beginning concepts and skills.

Hope these help, Jean Warren, Preschool Express