

Brain Wave : An Idea to use in Early Childhood

- Singapore preschools lay a lot of stress on free play and an environment where the children can explore, feel and learn. The preschools have this strong belief that play is indeed the work of the child and it is through play that they can learn the best. This concept basically focuses on developing a child's personality by giving the child a free hand, without imposing any sort of restrictions.
- Visit www.preschools.indiaedu.com/singapore-preschools/ to know more ideas.

Book Worm :

2 Books that every school should have

A

How to teach your baby Math
by Glenn Doman and Janet Doman

B

The Ready-to-read, Ready -to-count handbook
by Teresa Savage

Quote of the Month :

Children need love.... especially when they do not deserve it.

A Different Toy Story :

2 Toys that every school should have
Available : Manoj Stores.

Web Learn :

2 websites that will help you

- A) www.starfall.com
B) www.learningplanet.com

B) Side-by-Side Kitchen because it helps emote, language development and make believe play.
Company: Little tykes Available: Manoj Stores.
Website: www.educationalaids.in

Photo Tour : E.C.A. Photo Gallery



A Peek into

Future events of E.C.A.

- A) The handwriting policy for early childhood- this workshop will be held sometime in the month of April 2011
- B) The World Forum in Hawaii- details can be taken from www.worldforumfoundation.org the forum is in May 2011
- C) The first Asian Nature Conference by the Nature Action Collaborative for Children (USA- Asian chapter) tentative September 2011

News : From around the world

This is Kindergarten, the happy land building blocks and sing a longs. But increasingly in schools, little children are being asked to perform academic tasks, including test taking, that early childhood researchers agree are developmentally inappropriate, even potentially damaging. If children don't meet certain requirements, they are deemed 'non-proficient'. Psychologist and early childhood expert David Elkind, author of *The Hurried Child* and *The Power of the Play*, echoes Gerzon. When children are required to do academics too early, he says, they get the message that they are failures. "We are sending too many children to school to learn that they are dumb," says Elkind, a professor emeritus at Tufts University. "They are not dumb. They are just not there developmentally." It's been more than two decades since Robert Fulghum published oft-quoted and oft-mocked-essay "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. The piece describes a bucolic world of wonder, a place for cookies and afternoon naps. That world is long gone. Says Carol Copple of National Association for the Educational of Young Children, a Washington D.C., accreditation group. "We need to make schools ready for the kids, not make the kids ready for the schools."

The above is an extract from an article in the Boston Globe by Patti Hartigan.