

"DID YOU ONLY PLAY TODAY?"

Today I did my math and language, rich tasks too,
I used my eyes, my ears and hands, my senses the whole day through.
I added and subtracted, learned patience all the day.

I used tweezers, blocks, and puzzles,
And worked with the scrubbing tray.

I learned how to mix colors,
And learned how to weigh.

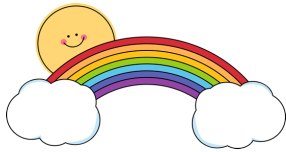


,please don't say-

"DID YOU BRING ANY PAPERS HOME TODAY?"

You see, I'm sharing as I play,
Learning self control throughout the day,
I'm learning to listen and speak clearly when I talk,
To wait my turn and when inside to walk,

To put my words into phrases,
To balance along the "Red Rod" maze,
To find my name and write it down,
I do it with a smile, not a frown.



please don't say,

"WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PAPERS TODAY?"

I learned about a snail, I learned about a worm,
I learned about flags and maps,
And how to take a turn,
I helped a friend when he was stuck,
I learned that water runs off a duck.
I looked at words from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight.

Today I sang the continent song,
I learned the difference between right and wrong,
please don't say,

"DID YOU ONLY PLAY TODAY?"



JUST Playing



When I'm building in the block room,
please don't say I'm **JUST** playing
For, you see, I'm learning as I play;
about balance and shapes.
Who knows, I may be
an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
setting the table, caring for the
babies, don't get the idea
I'm **JUST** playing For, you see, I'm
learning as I play. I may be a
mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint, or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping the
clay, please don't let me hear you say, "she's **JUST** playing". For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm expressing myself and being creative. I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me "reading" to an imaginary audience, please don't laugh and think
I'm **JUST** playing For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
don't pass it off as **JUST** play For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some plaything at my school, please don't feel the time
is wasted in play. For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to solve problems and
concentrate. I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods, please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is
JUST playing For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to follow directions and see
differences. I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body, please don't say I'm
JUST playing For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I did at school today, and I say, "I **JUST** Played", please don't
misunderstand me. For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.

I'm preparing for tomorrow.

Today, I am a child and my work is play.

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