

Parent Resource

Stage of Play – ZerotoThree

A variety of stuffed animals and baby dolls are usually part of every early childhood classrooms. These toys are wonderful ways to introduce young children to pretend play. Children like to try and act out familiar routines and events they may see at home or at school. For example, many children will act out taking care of babies, playing with pets, going to the doctor or the vet and other caring routines such as feeding and napping and even diapering. As young children engage in pretend play, they are trying to make sense of the world around them. Pretend play with these open-ended toys give children the opportunity to observe, predict, imitate, interpret, and express themselves in meaningful ways that promote all areas of their development.

Click on the picture below to access a link from ZerotoThree about stages of play for children ages 12-24 months.



Click on the picture above to access a link from ZerotoThree about stages of play for children ages 24-36 months.