



The Power of Play

Enrolling a young child exclusively in activities with a heavy academic emphasis may result in that child being temporarily capable of what seem like remarkable accomplishments. However, it is unlikely the long-term outcome will include solid educational foundations, impressive imagination and creativity, a strong love for learning, good social skills and a healthy self-esteem - all of which are required to ensure the child's ultimate happiness and success.

Also, as time goes by, a child will have ever-increasing chances and a steadily growing capacity to improve her prospects through formal instruction in specific academic subjects. But early childhood constitutes a once in-a-lifetime opportunity to benefit fully from the power of play.

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