playing to learn

blocks

small square blocks to make towers, large blocks to make roads, buildings or tunnels

Your child learns:

- to balance things
- to think about size



books

books with pictures and 2 or 3 sentences on each page

Your child learns:

 to recognize letters, which will help your child to learn to read later



music songs with motion

Your child learns:

 to use words, sound, and body movements together



objects

8-10 piece puzzles, bright beads that snap together, things with different shapes

Your child learns:

- how to fit things together
- how colors look together
- how to put things in order



pretend

toy telephone, toy dishes, old clothes

Your child learns:

 about adults by acting like adults



touch and feel things

finger paints, clay, colored markers, and markers that have different smells

Your child learns:

 to use their hands, fingers, and their minds to make different things



