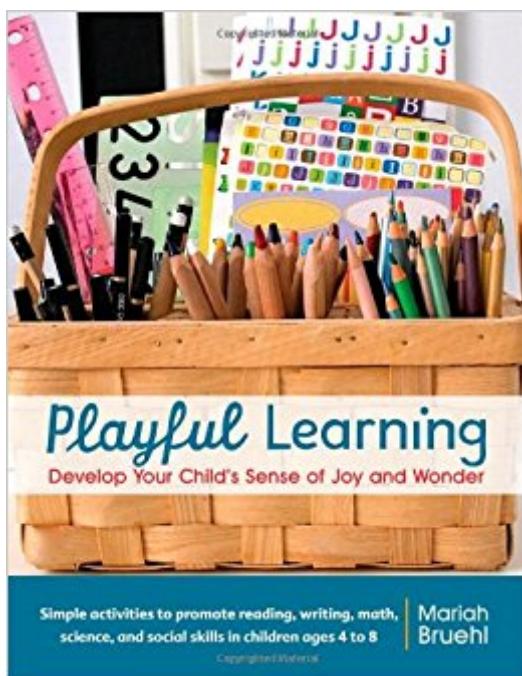


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# Playful Learning: Develop Your Child's Sense Of Joy And Wonder



## Synopsis

Children are natural scientists, artists, mathematicians, authors, and scholars. From the time they are born they seek out information about the world around them in an effort to construct meaning and further their development. While children have an inherent drive to make sense of their reality, parents have a unique opportunity to harness their children's curiosity and channel it into a love of learning. Playful learning is the magic that takes place when we meld a child's sense of joy and wonder with thoughtfully planned learning experiences. Through easy-to-implement, hands-on projects you can engage your child in fun and creative ways that encourage learning and impart the joy of discovery. With a little bit of information and forethought, you can play a pivotal role in the cognitive and creative development of your child. Mariah Bruehl has worked in the field of education for over a decade. She has taught in the classroom, developed curriculum in many different subject areas, trained teachers, and implemented programs across many grade levels. She is the mother of two girls and the owner of Playful Learning, a retail space and education center in Sag Harbor. Learn more at [www.playfullearning.com](http://www.playfullearning.com).

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âœAn enlightening read, this book not only contains creative and practical organizational solutions, but is full of inspiring lesson ideas for every area of learning.â•â "Parents & Kids Magazine"âœParents, teachers, and caregivers alike will treasure this superb book! Mariah Bruehl brings the wisdom of a gifted educator and the heart of a devoted parent to each insight and activity contained

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I've been reading early childhood education books for thirty years or so. It takes a serious gust to qualify as a breath of fresh air. This is it. This book artfully, masterfully, and very clearly presents a lovely marriage of the theories of Maria Montessori, Loris Malaguzzi, and Howard Gardner. What you get is an accessible and immediately implementable roadmap to the best of Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and Harvard Project Zero. It's absolutely not a theory book though--it's all very practical. This a visually inspiring book full of hands-on reading, science, and social activities for children from three or four to about eight or nine. There is just enough child development background to give underlying meaning to the activities. There are reproducibles to make it come to life easily. And there are very thoughtful, helpful, and beautiful pictures to inspire the visual among us. This book has me happily reorganizing and purposefully planning to capture the joyful moments of my children's natural inquisitiveness and wonder right along with them.

I have so many early learning books, and this is by far the best one. It covers everything from how to think about education in the early years to how to create space for your kids to explore and create, to so many meaningful activities and experiences for your kids in many different "subjects" like science, math, art, literacy, etc. All parents of young children should own this, especially if you are thinking about homeschooling but even if you aren't.

I ordered this book for the wonderful inspiration it gave me to make my children their very own arts and crafts area. I wasn't much of a DIY person prior to buying this book, but before you know it... with a little help from this book, Pinterest, , and some chalkboard paint-- my kids had an amazing (Pinterest worthy) craft area. This book has many other great ideas and things to do with your children. I haven't read all of it, yet, because life gets in the way and I have a billion other projects going on, but I would definitely recommend this to anyone.

This book is perfect for all parents, especially for those of us who are not trained educators. The author does a wonderful job explaining how to encourage your children's learning. The book is broken down by skill. It then walks you through the different level of learning and how to assist your child. I love this book and in fact think I will be re-reading it again very very soon.

This is a great book full of fantastic ideas. I will be using many of these ideas in my classroom and at home with my own children. Learning is not worksheet- learning is experiences. Playful learning guides parents in activities to play and learn with your child. I wish I could give one to every parent in my class!

incredible useful. Offers you great ideas to keep your kid busy with innovative games and stories.

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