

# **WHAT CHILDREN LEARN IN AREAS OF PLAY IN THE CLASSROOM**

**When children build with BLOCKS they learn:**

- Math concepts such as number of blocks that fill a certain space
- How to compare the height of their buildings
- About geometric shapes (triangles, squares, and rectangles)
- To explore weight and size
- How to solve a construction problem
- To recreate the world around them

**When children take on different roles and recreate real-life experiences in DRAMATIC PLAY area they learn:**

- To pretend play through different social scenarios
- To cooperate with others and solve problems
- To think more abstractly
- To recall past experiences and recreate them
- How to share their ideas with others

**When children use TOYS AND GAMES they learn:**

- How things work
- To be creative and use their imaginations
- About geometric shapes (triangles, squares, and rectangles)
- To strengthen and control their fine motor skills
- How to work cooperatively and solve problems
- Math ideas and concepts

**When children explore ART materials they learn to:**

- Express original ideas and feelings
- Improve their coordination
- Recognize colors and textures
- Develop creativity and pride in accomplishments
- Appreciate art created by others

**When children spend time in the LIBRARY area they gain a foundation for reading and writing through:**

- Learning to listen carefully
- Retelling stories
- Learning that print has meaning
- Gaining new ideas
- Acquiring a love of books
- Predicting what is going to happen in a story