FACILITATING PLAY

A medium for promoting Cognitive, Socio-Emotional and Academic Development in young children

Six Elements that characterize dramatic and socio-dramatic play

1. Imitative Role Play - The child undertakes a make believe role and expresses it in imitative actions and/or verbalization.

2. Make Believe with Objects - Movement to verbal declarations are substituted for real objects.

3. Make Believe in Regard to Actions and Situations - Verbal descriptions are substituted for real objects.

4. Persistence - in the play episode (for some period of time) for approximately 10 minutes.

5. Interaction - There are at least two players interacting with in the context of a play episode.

6. Verbal Communication - There is some verbal interaction related to the play episode.

The first four elements might be present in solitary play. The last two are, by definition, only found in socio-dramatic play.