

PLAYING & EXPLORING

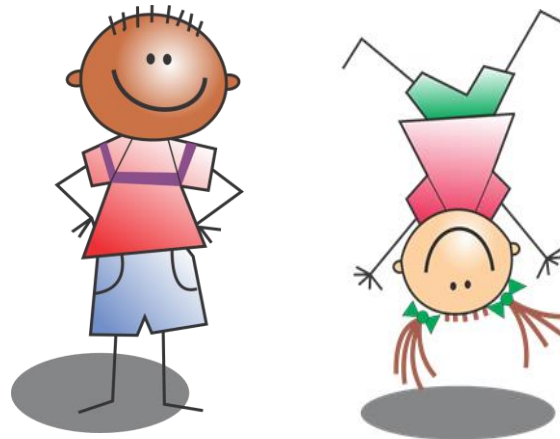
I like finding out and exploring - I'm curious about things, I use my senses to explore the world, I have particular interests and engage in open ended activities.

I play with what I know - I pretend objects are other things, re-enact my experiences in play and with others, I take on different roles in my play.

I am willing to have a go - I initiate activities, seek a challenge, have a 'can do' attitude, I take risks and learn by trial and error.

What sort of a learner are you?

(Characteristics of effective learning)



ACTIVE LEARNING

I am involved and concentrate - I maintain focus on my activity, I am energetic and interested, I am not easily distracted and pay attention to details.

I keep on trying - I show persistence when challenged, I 'bounce back' after difficulties, I believe a new approach might work.

I enjoy achieving my goals - I show satisfaction and am proud of my results, I like to meet a challenge for its own sake not for external rewards.

CREATING & THINKING CRITICALLY

I have my own ideas - I think of ideas and find ways to solve problems, I find new ways to do things.

I make links - I notice patterns in my experiences, I make predictions and test my ideas and develop my ideas on grouping, sequencing & cause and effect.

I can choose ways to do things - I plan, make decisions about how to approach a task, I reflect on how things are going and may change strategy to solve the problem and reach a goal. I can review how well my strategy worked.