



Unpacking Children's Play Series

New series!

Ever wonder why children play the way they do? In children's play they have opportunities to explore, engage and experiment with their ideas and beliefs of the world around them. Many of our programs have shifted to play based learning offerings to the children we work with to expand their learning. This series takes a closer look at the learning taking place in Block and Construction Play, Imaginative and Dramatic Play and Rough and Tumble Play. Each of the sessions in the series build upon each other through research and reflective practice and will offer ideas for you to explore within your centre. **To register**, call 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email eccdc@eccdc.org or visit www.eccdc.org.

Session 1 – Block and Construction Play

In our classrooms we ensure that children have a large, open area filled with different blocks, small world items and props that link to children's interests, experiences and developmental skill sets. In having these materials available children are growing their problem solving, mathematic, continuity and permanence skills.

Wednesday January 13, 2021 • 6:30 to 9:00 pm • ECCDC Conference Room, 3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 per session includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50

Session 2 – Imaginative and Dramatic Play

Have you ever watched a child pick up an object and pretend it is a zooming car or put on a cape and become someone else? In imaginative and dramatic play children are using objects to represent something else while giving it an action or motion. The process of pretending builds many skills such as language, emotional intelligence, and thinking.

Wednesday February 10, 2021 • 6:30 to 9:00 pm • ECCDC Conference Room, 3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 per session includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50

Session 3 – Rough and Tumble Play

We can either try to stop children engaging in rough and tumble play or we can stop and unpack what it is and why they are doing it. In rough and tumble play children are smiling and laughing because this kind of play for them is fun! Rough and tumble play is a basic human instinct that helps to develop such skills as strength, movement, body awareness, and socializing.

Wednesday March 10, 2021 • 6:30 to 9:00 pm • ECCDC Conference Room, 3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • Niagara Educators: \$45 per session includes all materials and nutrition break; Outside Niagara Educators: \$50