

The Learning & Play Place



Happy Mothers Day

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. ~Tenneva Jordan

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love. ~Mildred B. Vermont

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after. ~Peter De Vries

Women's Liberation is just a lot of foolishness. It's the men who are discriminated against. They can't bear children. And no one's likely to do anything about that. ~Golda Meir

Mother - that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. ~T. DeWitt Talmage

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. ~Irish Proverb

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child. ~Sophia Loren, *Women and Beauty*

May Book Selection

What Mommies/Daddies Do Best
by Laura Numeroff, Lynn Munsinger

Daddies can do lots of things, like bake you a birthday cake, play with you in the park, and take you trick-or-treating. But what do they do best? Mommies

can do lots of things, like teach you how to ride a bike, sew a loose button on your teddy bear, and read you a cozy bedtime story. But what do they do best? The answer is made perfectly clear in this irresistible celebration of parents and the everyday things they do.

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Children Need...

A ppreciation, for all they bring into our lives

B alance, somewhere between too little and too much.

C ommitment, it's the little things we do each day that matter.

D reams, to touch the future.

E mpathy, remember what it was like to be a child.

F amily And Friends, everyone needs someone to love.

G uidance, actions speak louder than words.

H ealthy Habits, to nurture body, mind and spirit.

I nspiration, to explore beauty, wonder and mystery.

J oy, sprinkle laughter and happiness daily.

K indness, to learn to care for others as they are cared for.

L imits, set boundaries and consequences together.

M entors, to give wings to their aspirations.

N ature, to delight in rainbow butterflies and

shooting stars.

O pportunities, to discover what truly makes their heart sing.

P lay, the "work" of childhood.

Q uiet Time, to recharge their batteries.

R esponsibilities, to build self-esteem and self-confidence.

S ecurity, feeling safe is essential for growth.

T raditions, keep the family tree alive & sprout new branches.

U nconditional Love, for who they are , not for what they do.

V alues, live yours and encourage them to find theirs.

W ords Of Encouragement, You can do it, I believe in you.

X oxoxo's, hug and kiss them each and every day.

Y ou, your presence more than your presents.

Z zzzzzzs, a good night's sleep.

Building Strong Families

It takes a lot of work to make a family strong, healthy, and happy.

Strong families find ways to show they care about each other. Each day as you have fun together and work out problems, you are building a strong, healthy family.

Healthy families find ways to spend some fun time together each week. Your family can make habits and special times to help you become stronger. Special times such as birthday parties are fun for the whole family.

Family times help healthy families communicate and show they care about each other.

Here are some fun events you could do with your family:

- Make some time each day to talk with your child.
- Let your child decide what to do for special time together.
- Teach your child how to organize her room or learn a new hobby.\
- Go to the park.
- Plan a special time each week when the whole family can be together.
- Read stories to your child.
- Cook a meal together with your child.
- Play games.