

Play way learning

Children are happiest when they are engrossed in play. That can happen in different forms, like playing with toys, playing outdoor games, hide-and-seek or simply by running. Children improve their motor skills, enhance their imagination and creativity by playing. Playing enhances various aspects of a child's development such as physical, social, psychological and intellectual skills. Both gross and fine motor skills come under physical development. At preschool level, learning through play or play-way method is a very popular methodology of imparting education to children. Play-way method is mostly "Activity based" or "Hands on Experience" learning. Children step out of their home and familiar surroundings to learn among different people, who include their peers and teachers.



Here are the advantages of using play-way under the following heads:

1. **Physical Value:** A child's body development is influenced by physical activity. It provides opportunities for the movement of various parts of the body which help in his/her muscular development. Blood circulates more freely when they are playing, this helps in the elimination of bodily wastes. It helps the child to keep physically fit.
2. **Intellectual value:** Learning is more effective when the child is more curious to learn. Play-way provides many such opportunities to learn while playing.
3. **Social Value:** Play way methodology gives children a chance to play and work with their peers. Through this they learn to coordinate, wait for their turn, to take the lead and to follow.
4. **Emotional value:** Play helps in stabilizing the emotions of children. They can overcome shyness, moodiness, timidity, stress and sensitiveness.
5. **Developmental value:** Play is an important means of growth. There can be no growth without play. It provides opportunities for the overall development of the child.
6. **Educative value:**
 - Play-way has educative value as it provides opportunities for children to learn.
 - It is a great motivating force for a child. Play-way activities are based on the needs of the children.
 - It follows learning by doing and practice, which is very much effective than orals.
 - Play-way assures maximum freedom for the child with the result that he/she develops creativity and imagination skills.

Why do we follow Play-way Method?

A play-way method is energizing which consists of pleasure and satisfaction. Children enjoy and learn involved in playing, which is natural to them. For example, allow kids to observe our gardener (under educator's supervision) to teach seed development is better

than teaching them with pen and paper. following are few benefits of using play way methodology:

- It makes learning easy and pleasurable.
- Each child is given identical opportunities for participation.
- It develops not only knowledge but also abilities.
- Brings satisfaction at the intellectual level.
- It creates an aptitude learning environment.
- Better retaining of knowledge.
- Improves self-discipline.
- The most suitable method for the pre-primary level children.
- It improves kid's connection with their educators.

The key points of Play Way Method are: –

- It enhances the emotional quotient as well as the creative skills.
- The child is the centre and learning are the periphery.
- Learning is an adventure and there is no fear of mistakes.
- Learning is faster and retention is better in play way method.
- It focuses on child centric classrooms.
- Imagination is at its best in play way method.
- Children develop self-confidence and engage completely in new learning experiences and environment.
- It gives a conducive environment to the students to express their feelings.
- Age-appropriate play way techniques are incorporated for the holistic development of the child.

Principles of Play-way method:

- A practical approach helps in easy learning for the child.
- The complete atmosphere of freedom is conducive for learning.
- The customized method designed and adopted should suit the needs of the child.
- Learning methods used should be related to real life rather than books.

- This method provides a plethora of opportunities for the child to express themselves.

