



ABC's of Dramatic Play

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learn how to share, communicate, and cooperate with each other. Through role playing children can also learn how to develop empathy for others.

A Movement Education program should offer many activities to stimulate growth in physical and cognitive development. Dramatic play is a wonderful group activity that can enrich movement education programs. Try adding five-minutes of dramatic play into your lessons each week.

Fantasies are real in the minds of children who are engaged in dramatic play. Children can switch roles-from animate to inanimate objects-with a blink of an eye. This is what childhood is all about—the ability to be anything we want without a worry in the world. Carefree, creative dramatic play promotes cognitive development and helps children

Children at age three develop the ability to use their imagination, through fantasy and games. Here's the ABC's of Dramatic Play to get you thinking! Have fun and be creative.

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| A | ants Marching | I | ice cream eating | Q | quiet mouse |
| B | bouncing balls | | Indians | R | restaurant worker |
| | blowing balloons | J | jack in the box | | rabbit |
| C | camera | K | kangaroo | S | shadow making
(use a flashlight) |
| | chicken dance | L | lion | T | tight ropewalker |
| | Cowboys | | lizard | | tying shoes |
| D | driving a car | M | munching a sandwich | U | using an umbrella |
| | dinosaur | N | nose (sneezing/
sniffing) | V | violin playing |
| | duck | O | ostrich | W | washing |
| E | eagle flying | | octopus | | waving |
| F | fire fighting | | orangutan | Y | yo-yo fun |
| G | grasshopper | P | penguin | Z | zipping |
| H | hunting | | popcorn | | |
| | hugging | | | | |

