Pre-K Success Starts at Home

ach stage of growth in a child's life brings different developmental challenges. During early childhood development, children go through social, cognitive, creative, emotional and physical development. These are the blocks to build a great foundation for learning.

A major component of physical growth includes fine and gross motor skill development. Gross motor skills require the use of large muscle groups to perform tasks like walking, balancing and throwing things. Fine motor skills are skills that involve a refined use of the small muscles that control the hand, fingers and thumb. The development of these fine motor skills allows young children to complete tasks such as writing, drawing and buttoning.

The more complicated tasks involved in fine motor activities present more challenges for pre-kindergarten age children than most of the gross motor activities learned during this period of development. The process of developing fine motor skills also requires patience and continued practice in order to become stronger and more coordinated. The Pre-K Success Kit was created to enable children to have fun and enjoy practicing these delicate fine motor skills. With the expertise of occupational therapists and early childhood educators this kit was also built to meet the varying needs of children according to their unique developmental abilities.

During the learning process for a motor skill, a child is subject to positive or negative verbal feedback, as well as receiving natural sensory information that tells the learner how well the task was completed. Therefore, the process of learning a new motor skill is also an opportunity for emotional development where the child becomes selfaware of his/her skills and self-confident. Children perform best when they feel good about themselves. And they feel good about themselves when they master a skill or activity and someone is there to tell them, "Well done!" Spending time with your child working on fine motor skills at home gives you opportunities to play, praise and help

build self-confidence in your child. Enjoy participating in your child's growth and learning experiences during this early stage of development ... it is priceless!

Children are able to build fine motor skills and self-confidence through the use of the Pre-K Success Kit. It is the perfect resource for you and your child to engage in fun fine motor skill activities together, giving you the opportunity to play with your child as well as prepare them for school. The kit includes 14 creative fine motor skill "tools" as well as a teaching guide with over 60 engaging, progressive activities to help your child develop these important fine motor skills with ease and confidence! Your child's self-confidence will soar after building fine motor muscle coordination, which also allows them to care for themselves by manipulating eating utensils, tying their own shoes and even doing buttons and zippers!

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HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD FINE MOTOR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE Pre-K Success Kit

Imagine something as simple as how well your Pre-K child holds a crayon and uses a pair of scissors making a significant difference in how he/she feels about himself at school. Children begin "seeing" themselves as students during their first year of school.

The Pre-K Success Kit includes 14 Play-Based Fine Motor Skill Tools, a carrying case with handle, and a Teaching Guide with over 60 engaging, progressive activities to help your child develop important fine motor skills with ease and confidence!

