



## Play, Projects, and Preschool Standards: Nurturing Children's Sense of Wonder and Joy in Learning

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SAGE Publications Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Play, Projects, and Preschool Standards: Nurturing Children's Sense of Wonder and Joy in Learning, Gera Jacobs, Kathleen E. Crowley, Research tells us that young children learn best through play and hands-on activities. This research-based resource from two educators leading the effort to develop their own state's standards links sample early learning standards for children ages 3-5 with numerous ideas for creating joyful, playful educational experiences. In inviting, informal language, the authors walk readers through the creation of well-planned projects and activities that capture children's interest and develop critical skills. Covering both curriculum and social-emotional guidelines, the book provides guidance in helping three-year-olds make progress towards goals, and four- and five-year-olds accomplish learning goals. Repeated chapter features include: \* Sample standards and benchmarks based on existing state and national association standards (e.g., NAEYC, NCTM, NCSS, NASPE, and more) \* Connecting popular projects and themes with standards and benchmarks \* Suggestions for designing optimal learning environments and motivating materials \* Snapshots of "What Research and the Experts Say" and how it applies to practice \* "Try This" activity ideas that put standards and benchmarks into practice \* Suggestions for tailoring activities to meet...

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