

It's More Than Play

When I'm building in the block room Please don't say I'm Just Playing. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; About balances and shapes. Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint, Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay, Don't think I'm Just Playing. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I'm expressing myself and being creative. I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair

Reading to an imaginary audience, Please don't laugh and think I'm Just Playing. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, Or packing my pockets with choice things I find, Don't pass it off as Just Play. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or Some play thing at my school, Please don't feel the time is wasted in play. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate. I may be in business someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, Run, and move my body, Please don't say I'm Just Playing. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I'm learning how my body works. I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today, And I say I Just Played, Please don't misunderstand me. For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. I'm preparing for tomorrow. Today, I am a child and my work is play.

-Anita Wadley, Gateways to Learning, Edmond, OK

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What is the Primary Intervention Program?

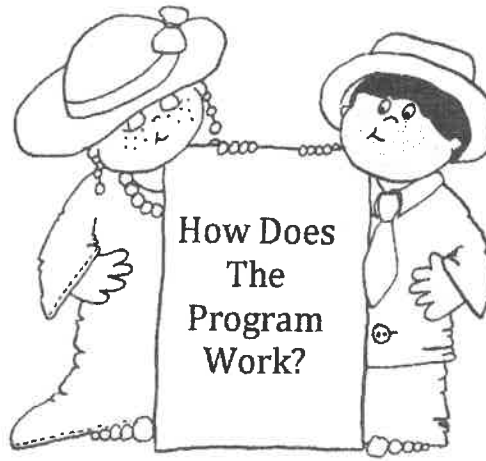
The Primary Intervention Program (PIP) is a program available at ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD) to help students settle into the classroom environment and be more successful in school. This is accomplished by providing children with extra attention from a caring adult.

The program uses Skill Streaming, an evidence-based educational program that was originally used by teachers in the classroom. Skill Streaming teaches over 60 classroom survival skills, such as "How to Listen" or "Asking for Help" or "Knowing my Feelings." Skill Streaming supports Common Core Standards in all academic areas, by helping students with communication, collaboration and goal setting skills.

What are the Goals of the Program?

The Primary Intervention Program goals are:

- To help children get a good start in school
- To develop and improve social skills
- To foster a healthy self concept
- To improve overall school performance



Children who participate in the Primary Intervention Program meet with a trained and supervised PIP Coach in small groups. The room is equipped with a variety of materials that help support Skill Streaming lessons. Sessions last 30-45 minutes once a week for 12-14 weeks.

How Are Children Selected For the Primary Intervention Program?

Teachers, school staff, principal and parents collaborate to identify children who might benefit from this service. Participation is completely voluntary once a child is selected for the Primary Intervention Program. Parents/guardians must give written permission before PIP services can begin.

Who are the PIP Coaches?

Primary Intervention Program (PIP) Coaches are carefully selected and well-trained individuals who have been chosen for their warmth and ability to relate well to other adults and children. They exhibit caring, empathic qualities toward children, and are experienced and knowledgeable in the areas of child development, play activity and effective communication. PIP Coaches work under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional.

An ABCUSD Cooperative Effort

Key staff at your school site: The Principal, Teachers, School Counselors, and the Primary Intervention Program (PIP) Coach. This partnership works together with parents to help all children experience a positive start in school.

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