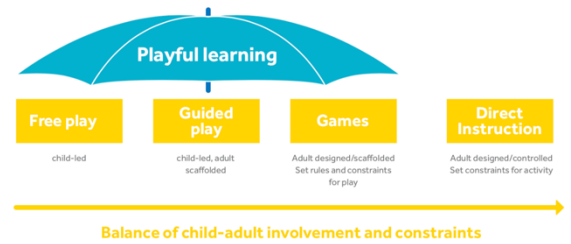


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Blogs & Books to check out:

- Blogs about [Playful Learning at the Brookings Institution](#)
- Brookings Blog: [What if teaching mirrored how human brains learn?](#)
- World Economic Forum Blog: [“Learning through play represents the best long-term value for helping kids, regardless of background”](#)
- [NAEYC excerpt about playful learning](#) (and note that the full chapter is in the DAP book)
- Book- [Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8, Fourth Edition](#)
- Book- [Making Schools Work: Bringing the Science of Learning to Joyful Classroom Practice](#)
- Book- [Becoming Brilliant: What Science Tells Us About Raising Successful Children](#)

Lego Foundation resources:

- [Learning through Play Info and Resources](#)
- [Learning through Play at School Info and Resources](#)
- [Video: 5 characteristics of Learning through Play](#)

Other Resources

- [Pedagogy of Play](#) – resources, videos, research, planners etc., - be sure to check out the “For Educators” tab
- Video – [Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet](#)
- Video – [Integrating Play into Literacy Instruction: Strategies for your Classroom](#)
- Video - [A Look at Quality Learning Environments for 1st and 2nd Grade Classrooms](#)
- Video - [Kindergartners Learn Best Through Guided Play](#)