

Handout 2: Parents Are First Teachers



1. What skills do you think the child is learning here?

- Observing.
- Differentiating (for example, between types of cars and trucks).
- Singing and learning the words to songs.
- Taking turns in conversation.
- Categorizing (size and color of objects and creatures).

2. What knowledge is the child learning about the world?

- Green grass is soft and brown grass is scratchy.
- His father's shoes are bigger than his.
- When he grows up, his shoes will be as big as his father's.
- Cars and trucks drive on the road, people walk on sidewalks.
- Ants live in holes in the ground.
- Sometimes you can get ice cream from the ice cream truck and sometimes you can't.

3. What feelings or attitudes is the child possibly developing about himself as a learner?

- He's a good signer.
- His father will help him learn new things.
- The world is an interesting place that he can discover.
- He has interesting things to say.
- It's fun to see new things.

4. What role does the father play in his child's learning?

- He is making the child relaxed and open to observation.
- He is encouraging his son's curiosity.
- He is helping his child feel loved, competent, and capable.

Handout 2: Snapshots of Learning (Continued)



1. What skills do you think the children are learning here?
2. What knowledge are they learning about the world?
3. What feelings or attitudes are they possibly developing about themselves as learners?
4. What role does the mother play in her children's learning?

Handout 2: Snapshots of Learning (Continued)



Add your own picture

1. What skills do you think the child is learning here?
2. What knowledge is the child learning about the world?
3. What attitudes or feelings is the child possibly developing about himself or herself as a learner?
4. What role do adults play in the child's learning?