

Invitations to Play and Learn

This term is used a lot by Early Childhood Educators and is deeply rooted in the Reggio philosophy of allowing children to direct their own play or learning by offering open-ended, meaningful resources to explore. In our school an invitation is something that gives an idea, urge or cause to do something. They are often created to fill gaps in learning.



An invitation is a verb. It sparks children's interest and it provides children with new interests to pursue and to become engaged in.



It is created to invite children into a specific exploration or experience and is based on teacher wonderings and ponderings unlike provocations which are based around the interests of the child.



"Play is the highest form of research"

Albert Einstein