

She aims her book to adults as well as children



"Let's Play and Learn" is aimed at parents as well as pre-schoolers.

Let's Play and Learn

by Harriet Hartman
Illustrated by Young Duncans

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Following the traditional path of book publishing, Bedford Union teacher Harriet Hartman spent two years waiting to see her finished product on the shelves.

"I said I'm not going to believe it until it's in print," said the Southfield resident, and she was delighted with the end result.

"Let's Play and Learn" is a spiral-bound illustrated manual, crammed with activities which demonstrate to parents how a child's learning experience can and should start in infancy.

Learning should be a constant, on-going process, said the author. Research substantiates the fact that so much of learning and development takes place before a child enters to school.

Parents who take to their children and play games with them help the child feel self about themselves at home and at school, bringing the experience to school.

Ms. Hartman began her teaching career at Bedford Union schools at the age of 22. She spent three years working with MSU student teachers placed in the district, where she felt that the child's progress and readiness to learn.

SHE NOW IS in her sixth year of BEU teaching and is a starting district consultant at Bedford Union and Young Smith Community Center, where she spends a few years in the Bedford Union's Family Program (FHP).

The activities in the book were developed over a period of three years in the FHP Program, which is why Ms. Hartman gave credit to the other FHP teachers and why BEU and Young Smith.

For the activities being in the school district, said Ms. Hartman, although she made the activities for parents use in the FHP program.

Parents can use these activities as a means to help their child's development, and as a way to help the child's development.

The book is crammed with suggestions, such as identifying the activities with things to do, different aspects of learning, and it's a way to use the child's own experiences, and it's a way to use the child's own experiences.

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said and not the results. She includes expectations level in various activities so parents can judge what kinds of activities children can successfully maneuver.

Play is the most important work of a child, and pressure has no place in an informal activity. Anything can be made into a game, she added.

She doesn't want parents to feel guilty about not spending enough time with their children. If a person remembers to talk to children, asking them questions, the quality of the time they spend can be very important.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES offer nothing more than suggestions on how to make children aware of shapes by pointing out a round kitchen table and rectangular refrigerator, while others involve making projects or games for both child and parent.

She includes stencils and sample work pages, through the efforts of illustration by Young Duncans, a graphic specialist of the Wayne County Intermediate School District. The team was useful to alternate male and female projects and drawings of both male and female children.

Sixty-year-old Southfield resident, Ms. Hartman and her husband, Carl, are social work professors at Wayne State University. They have two children, Andy, 12, and Jonathan, 10, who attend the Wayne Middle School.

The couple family act as the author of the book. Ms. Hartman said she has been working on the book for three years, and it is now ready to be published.

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The Woodland was planted in memory of David Meyer and Zelta Pearl, parents of Mrs. Lechner. It was dedicated during a recent JNF mission to Israel in which the Lechners participated.

"My parents had always wanted to settle in Israel," said Mrs. Lechner. "This was their greatest wish and they had been fervent Zionists all their lives."

Her father was president of the Pinner Society in Windsor and both parents were active Jewish communal groups.

Dr. and Mrs. Lechner are active in Congregation B'nai Mose where he has served as men's club president and she as a volunteer president. They have two sons and a daughter.

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