

## Parents, children learn together

An empty margarine container and a tub of water can be a child's introduction to scientific endeavor.

Add a parent to the experiment and he or she can be introduced to the enjoyment of carrying on a conversation with a three-year-old.

That's the philosophy behind Dawn Grove's attempt to bring parents and learning together for her charges at Children's World in Farmington Hills.

"Parents don't realize what they can enjoy with their children," she said.

"Parents can enjoy the everyday things of science with their children," she said.

Mrs. Grove advocates an informal way of teaching simple lessons to children ages 2½ to five years old.

"For example, with a tub of water and some bottles, children drop things in the tub to see if they float or sink. Not only do you introduce new vocabulary but you can also talk about why one thing floated and another sank," she said.

"YOU CAN DO physics type things

with the children, too. Like helping them to see which objects roll and which don't."

Children can explore sight, sound and senses by trying to identify familiar odors, such as lemon, cinnamon and pepper.

Drums and xylophones are used to make new sounds.

It's especially important that working parents and children try to enjoy new activities during their free time.

"The era of the one-income family is closing. We're getting more one- and two-year-olds this year," Mrs. Grove said.

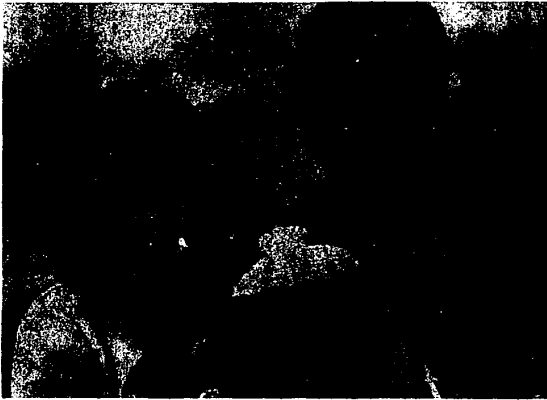
Working parents ought to remember that it's the quality as well as the quantity of time that is important, she said.

Sometimes, it seems that the parents don't have the time to spend with their children. They're shopping, cooking, working. And they're tired when they get home from work.

"A lot of parents are loving and concerned about their children but they're tired," she said.

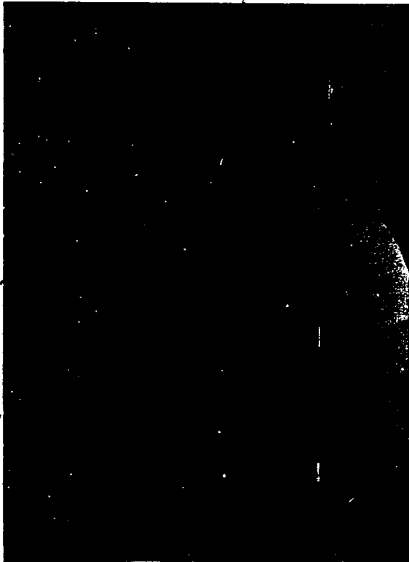


Bobby Garbacz picks up his nose at a bowl of strawberries that are part of a taste test at the school. The Swiss cheese seems to be Bobby's next target.

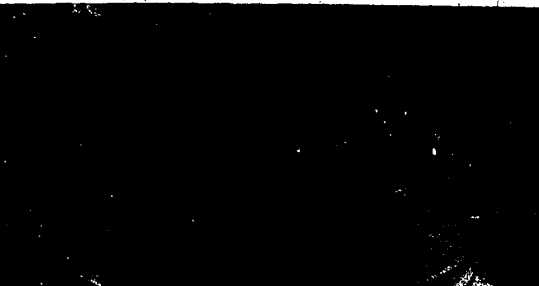


Dawn Grove and Brent Reiffer check out a gingerbread man who's all set to try his luck on the ski slope. Equipped with skis and a warm hat, the cardboard cookie man's waiting for the next snowfall.

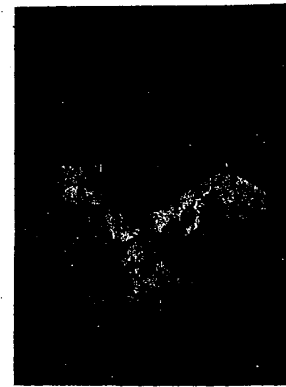
Staff photos



The mellow tones of a xylophone are enjoyed by Joey Pennington, 3.



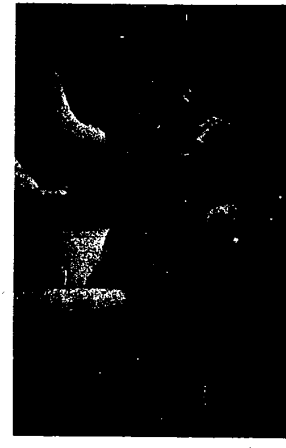
Ruth Pennington, of Farmington Hills, introduces her charges at the nursery to the tastes of Swiss cheese, strawberries, syrup and salt.



Devon Snider, 2, is learning that an old orange juice container will sink when it's filled with water in the tub. Devon's sure that she's cooking dinner, though. "It's a birthday cake," she confided imaginatively.



Wendy Howard, 4, shows off her very own gingerbread man. The smiling cardboard character helped her learn about different shapes. Besides, art projects are fun.



Three-year-old Jennifer Chester is ready to march to the tune of her drum. The drum also helps her to explore the world around her by helping her learn about different sounds.

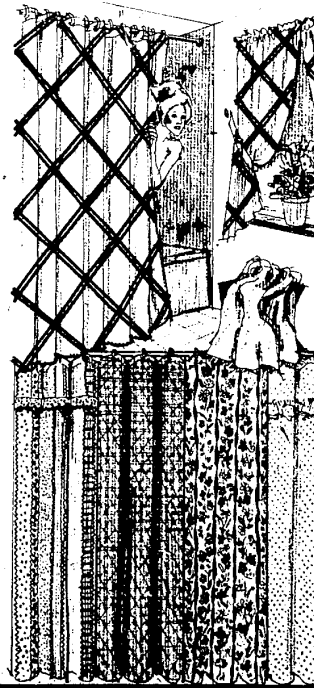
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