



## The Learning Value of Repeat Visits at DuPage Children's Museum

*Early experiences determine whether a child's brain architecture will provide a strong or weak foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health.*

(National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, Harvard University)

We all know the financial benefits of a membership at DuPage Children's Museum. But what's the learning value?

Repeated play and exploration experiences support the growing brain by:

- Helping to stimulate flexibility, imagination, and inventiveness
- Building confidence on familiar knowledge by allowing children to constantly reexamine their personal understandings about their world
- Engaging children in their own learning process of planning and carrying out their plans, reasoning and problem-solving, as well as interacting with others
- Challenging children to construct new understandings based on new information
- Providing a place where children can demonstrate understanding of skills and concepts
- Offering opportunity to observe and participate in the perspective of others
- Supporting intrinsic motivation to learn through a hands-on and interactive environment.

Sources: <http://www.acei.org/playpaper.htm>  
<http://www.developingchild.harvard.edu>



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