

Just Playing

When I'm building with blocks,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing".
For you see, I'm learning as I play,
About patience, balance, and how things work.
I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing".
I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay.
Please don't let me hear you say, "He is Just Playing".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I just might be a teacher someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some "playing" at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "play".
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I'm learning self control and waiting my turn.
I'm learning to share...all the important skills I will need in life someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it it is "Just Play".
I'm learning about measuring, math, and following directions.
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop run, and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning how my body works.
I'm exercising, gaining coordination, and keeping myself healthy.
I may be a doctor, nurse or great athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today.
And I say, "I just played".
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.

For today, I am a child and my work is play!