



THE POWER OF PRETEND

Children's imaginary worlds

Role play with other children is a valuable language-learning experience for a child. When they play teacher or robber or king, children are forced to use more sophisticated language than they would ordinarily use in the course of their daily lives. Playing a powerful role, say, super hero or super heroine, can help them develop self-esteem and empathy for others.

Even the part where children argue over "who plays whom" is important; with this, they are learning to negotiate and cooperate.

How to Encourage Imagination in Children

