

In Planned Housing Problems Foreseen

Washington—One advantage of "packaged" housing developments is that the foresighted builder can anticipate older communities' problems and save taxes for the new communities.

The planner of a new development in suburban Loudon County, Va., found that 10 per cent of the county school budget went to transportation expenses. So Sterling Park was laid out to put all homes within five blocks of an elementary school.

Recreation is another problem in exploding suburbs. For the Sterling Park project, builder Marvin T. Broyhill Jr., allocated 75 acres out of a total 1,785 for swimming pools, golf course, tennis courts and Little League ball fields.

Games Help Young Students To Learn

This year, primary grade students can get off to a good sound start with the fundamentals of math, reading, social studies and science, thanks to a prize assist from designers of home recreational materials as well as from educators.

Developed in collaboration with leaders in the field of education, a wide variety of kits and games are now available to help youngsters "learn while playing."

According to Dr. Mary Moffit, of the Toy Guidance Council Educational Advisory board, these home recreational materials help make learning more pleasurable to the younger student.

Monotonous arithmetic drills, such as the multiplication tables, repetition of words for spelling, and other rote routines are outmoded, and frowned upon by educators. Instead they recommend to modern parents that children learn through a variety of games keyed to make math, spelling and other facts memorable through competitive, pleasurable play.

Whether the play and learning project is a study of a specimen through a group microscope, a game of global flash cards or understanding phonetics by competitive "play," a prime requisite for successful learning is the patience of the parent or older youngster, advises Dr. Moffit.

Important

It is important that the primary objective of this "learn and play" be interesting and fun-filled. The educational activity should never be represented to the child as punishment or a chore.

Significant in the pattern of a 1962 home recreation, is the development of math games with self-checking features, so that they can be played alone, as well as with parents or older youngsters. For example, flash card kits now encompass division and fractions, as well as addition, subtraction, and multiplication. The frantic search for scratch paper is solved in some of the flash card kits by wipe off plastic sheets.

Play ways to learning math include such ingenious devices as a "Fractions are Easy as Pie" game which helps children learn the relationship between fractions. A game based on counting to

ten, and another called "Link Numbers" create competition around math basics using well-proven classroom techniques. To dramatize the relationship between fractions, common fractions, decimals and percentages - there is a new math wheel.

Recognition of the fact that getting children interested in foreign languages at an early age is important, is stressed in a variety of new games keyed to teach basic French. "Words That Go Together" is a new game kit presenting colorful object cards accompanied by words in both French and English.

The French words are also spelled phonetically. Children can play alone or with up to five other children, with the aid of self checking devices.

Play and learning games benefit good students as well as those who lag in their school performance, says Dr. Marcella Kelly, an educator who has developed a variety of games keyed to the curriculum.

"Sharpening of skills related to learning helps make each student a better scholar."

From fractions to French, every student enjoys great value from the experience of gaining knowledge, through play.

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