



## *Playing on the computer is fun for learning\* and enjoying...*

- *Pushing buttons and moving the mouse*
- *Listening to sounds & music*
- *Playing games*
- *Making choices*
- *Following directions*
- *Learning to match*
- *Practicing waiting and taking turns*
- *Doing something grown-ups do*
- *Discovering how the computer works*
- *Drawing and choosing colors with art programs like Microsoft Paint*
- *Learning the alphabet by typing letters*



How could you support your child's learning through playing on the computer?

I could...

- ▶ Notice what computer programs match my child's interests and have them available.
- ▶ Allow my child to do as much as he/she can on his/her own.
- ▶ Show interest in what my child is doing.
- ▶ Praise my child for things he/she is doing on the computer .
- ▶ Encourage my child to make choices about the programs he/she wants to play.
- ▶ Follow my child's lead.
- ▶ Provide help when my child is getting frustrated.
- ▶ Find time for my child to use the computer.
- ▶ Arrange the environment so that my child can sit and interact with the computer safely.
- ▶ Build a routine around the computer so my child knows when and how to start and end the activity.
- ▶ Talk with my child about what is happening on the computer and what they are doing.

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\* *Playing on the computer promotes development in all areas: cognitive, communication, motor, self-help and social.*