

Handout #5

Supporting Exploration and Discovery

- Provide an uncluttered play environment with a variety of materials to encourage discovery.
- Allow long periods of uninterrupted time for play.
- Provide ample space for play.
- Be available to observe, and support the play with meaningful comments from time to time.
- When helping, don't take over.
- Use caregiving routines as opportunities for exploration and developing the care teacher-child relationship.