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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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### ABSTRACT

This article aims to study the importance of play in early childhood education with a bias towards an investigation that addresses childhood and the phenomena that comprise it and should be studied by teachers. Based on this assumption, Early Childhood Education is a rich and privileged space within the school environment, as it is the essential basis for leveraging other educational modalities. Therefore, the guiding problem of this study consists of discussing how educators think about the context of Early Childhood Education regarding playful activities, games and games, and what contributions these make to the effective learning of students in the process that precedes literacy. Finally, all playful activities should have the purpose of developing the child’s learning, and the educator should always be in the process of training with attention focused on the various areas in the field of playfulness that lead him to constant reflections regarding the context of play and games in Early Childhood Education classes. Childish.

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