

Just Playing

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When I'm building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "Just playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balance, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "Just playing"
I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say "*He is just playing:*"
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I just might be a teacher someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some "playing" at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "play"
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "*just play*"
I'm learning to follow directions and see the differences.
I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body
Please don't say *I'm just playing*
For, you see, I'm learning as I play
I'm learning how my body works
I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday

When you ask me what I have done at school,
I may say "*I just played*"
Please don't misunderstand me
For you see I'm learning as I play

I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work is PLAY