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Learning Through Play in 4-K was a grant written in hopes of expanding classroom materials. The materials would focus on the specific themes I teach throughout the year. This is a new curriculum, therefore new themes are being taught. I needed things for the children and myself to enrich and encourage learning in the areas of focus. Since a lot of our day is centered around Practice Centers, which include ELA and Math, I want children to be anchored in rich learning centers, where they are playing, but real learning is taking place. My vision was to have theme related learning experiences in practice centers. By having a doll house with pets, a family, furniture, children are pretending to play "Family." The airport and train provide them with play experiences where they can take a trip with family or friends when they are learning about transportation. They love the construction set, which includes workers, vehicles, tools, building materials, and a crane. They are building houses, skyscrapers, cars, or whatever they think of, as we learn about construction sites, dump trucks, cement mixers and the men and women who build bridges, roads, houses, and more in the world we live in. The children love the units of animals and enjoy playing with the Vet Set. They are learning how to take care of and treat animals. As they play and learn, I am walking around listening to vocabulary rich conversations, I see children taking turns and sharing materials, I watch as they solve problems together, and I see and hear children immersed in the learning through the lessons they have been taught and the new materials they are playing with. As I change out new materials when themes change, they are always asking to bring back something they played with previously. They are enjoying learning through play with the items I was able to purchase. Thank you so much!!











