Raising Playful Tots #142

Don't waste the summer!

Introduction

Traditionally a slowing down town for most of us with big changes to the routines because the kids are about. Summer is a good time for reflection, preparation and practice of our parenting ideas.

Discussion questions

- 1. Summer reading program or no summer reading program?
- 2. Do you have a favorite award list you seek out each year? Why not? Or Which ones?
- 3. When was the last time you sought out the new picture book section of the bookshop or library? Find time to do this summer and share a book or two with your friends.
- 4. Pick a recommended parenting book and read it over the summer.
- 5. What gender book would you recommend b) how does gender impact play in your home c) what are your feelings about gender books- have you explored any?
- 6. Where do you go to meet people like you? b) where do you go to meet people with different perspectives? C) which one is what you need right now?
- 7. Try investigating ecourse, webinars, free calls, new playgroups in nearby towns, local events and conferences to learn new things and experience new people.
- 8. What systems are working well for you at home?
- 9. What rhythms would you like to improve, adapt or change- even slightly?
- 10. What rhythms for me do I need to change, adapt or modify b) What do I do regularly for me each week?

Family next steps

Now it's time to go and take some action. What are you focusing on this summer to give yourself real growth and a head start in your family.