

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**  
**CD 1350**  
**SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S PLAY**

Semester: Winter 2004  
Credits: 3  
Credit Hours: 45

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Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
January 6 to February 26, 2004

Times: 8:30- 11:20 am.

Course Description: Child-centred play-based approaches to working with young children are examined. Program components including routines, learning centers, materials and experiences that support children-s learning through play will be discussed.

Prerequisites: CD 1011,or consent of the Department.

Text: The Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood by Diane Trister Dodge and Laura J. Colker

Course Readings: A reading package entitled "CD 1350- Supporting Children's Play-Course Readings" will be available at the bookstore.

Additional Materials and Expenses: Students will incur expenses related to assignments, display materials, and learning centre props.

Objectives: upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Discuss how play nurtures the child's development
- Describe the influences of routines and transitions, learning centers and play materials in facilitating children's development.
- Select appropriate play materials and plan experiences that best support children's play and development
- Demonstrate an understanding of emergent curriculum
- Demonstrate programme planning skills which reflect the philosophy of emergent curriculum.

Teaching Methods: Lectures will incorporate group work, and A.V. materials.

Grading Policy: A final grade of D or 1.0 must be obtained in order to pass this course.