Playing is Learning

Pre-reading

Questions:

• What do you think this reading is about?

Definitions:

• Classroom – a room where classes are held
• Laundry – clothing and bedding that are cleaned by washing

Reading

Kim is the mom of two young boys. She wants them to love learning. She wants them to do well in school.

Kim knows she is her children’s first teacher. Her home is her children’s first classroom. Kim has found ways to make learning fun. The more her boys play, the more they learn.

Laundry time is play time! It is also learning time. Kim’s boys sort the dirty laundry. Joe puts the dark colored clothes in his basket. Lee puts the light colored clothes in his basket.

The boys love laundry day! They think laundry sorting is a game. Sometimes they pretend the light and dark baskets are basketball hoops. Socks work well for making baskets.

When the laundry is clean and dry, the boys match the socks. Matching socks would be work for Kim. Matching socks is fun for the boys!

The boys have learned the names of colors and patterns by helping with laundry. Sometimes Kim will say, “Who can find the brown socks with the green stripes?” The boys race to see who can find that pair first!

Learning happens in fun, playful ways. Kim’s home is a playground full of learning.

Level 3.0
Understanding

1. What are some goals Kim has for her children? ____________________________________________________________
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2. Who is a child’s first teacher? ________________________________________________________________

3. What does the word sort mean? ________________________________________________________________

4. What does the word pretend mean? ________________________________________________________________

5. What have Kim’s children learned from playing with the laundry? ________________________________

Writing

Choice A: In your own words, write about how playtime is learning time in Kim’s home.
Choice B: How do you make learning fun in your home?

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