

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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