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## Teaching of Learning

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I can *teach* them,  
I thought  
Give them information  
Answer their questions  
Tell them things they do not know

Then I watched  
And listened  
And began to notice all they know  
All they can do  
On their own

I can *learn with* them,  
I thought  
Share their curiosities  
Take time to be with them  
Understand their worlds

Then I discovered  
Explored alongside them  
Learned of their interests  
Their ways of knowing  
And wonderful individualities

I can *learn from* them,  
I thought  
Stand back and observe  
Listen in as they play  
Make note of their growth

Then I learned  
In time I learned  
I saw who they are  
All they understand and value  
And are capable of

I can *help them learn*,  
I think  
Be with them in each moment  
Learn from and with them  
And help them build on what they know

Now I observe  
Listen and share  
Watch and reflect  
We discover together  
And together find ways  
To keep learning and growing

I teach young children  
Learn with them  
And from them  
I help them learn

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