

Toddler Leotards And Pink Tutus: The Importance Of Dress-Up And Pretend Play

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Dressing up in toddler leotards and pink tutus is shown to be important to childhood development.

While it may not be apparent to everyone, as more research is being done the importance of dress-up and pretend play is becoming more clear. See www.toddlerleotards2.com/articles/toddler-leotards.html for more information. Ballerina costumes and pirate suits may not seem to be incredibly significant to childhood development, but psychologists and child specialists are saying otherwise.

The first aspect of substantial importance in regards to dress-up and pretend play is, of course, the development of the imagination. While the ability to make believe is a natural one, as with any talent, the more it is utilized, the more it expands. By enlarging a child's ability to imagine, creativity and ingenuity are increased exponentially. This contributes to a number of abilities later in life, such as writing and creative arts.

A positive self-image and self-esteem are also shown to be common results of pretend play, coupled with other factors. When a child pretends they are a superhero or princess, they envision themselves as being affirmative figures. Even though this is a make believe visualization, it carries over to the actual perception of themselves. The concern may be that a child would take this visualization to an extreme level, such as the belief of invincibility leading to a child stepping out in front of a car thinking the car could not harm them. However, it is shown that pretend play does not cause inaccurate beliefs outside appropriate thoughts for a particular age range. For example, a child of three would probably think they were invincible and not understand the danger of a being run over. However, a child of eight would be well aware of the danger. Excessive pretend play would not lead to a differentiating belief beyond the logic expected for the child's age.

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