

# ***Community Café: Changing the Lives of Children through Conversations that Matter***

## ***The Harvest***

**Date:** May 18, 2011

**Location:** Lutheran Community Services NW Play and Learn (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 301 Lopez Port Angeles WA)

### **What questions were used at this café?**

Q1 - What types of play and learn activities did you enjoy as a child?

Q2 - What was your most vivid learning, insight, or discovery from your play and learn activities?

Q3 - What Play and Learn experiences surprised you?

Harvest: What was something new you learned as a result of having this conversation?

### **What are you taking home from tonight's café?**

Play is important for learning. Children learn from all types of play: imaginative, sensory play, outside play, art, story time.

An age variety of children in a classroom is an asset.

Messy play is important for experimentation and variety of experiences.

### **What did we learn?**

Our children surprise us with what they CAN do. (i.e., sit through story time, use glue independently, share with other children, problem solve, willingness to participate along with their peers) The way we know this is through their increased confidence, self-sufficiency, and increased skills both socially and academically.

We want more outside play built into the program. (Weather permitting)

We would like more music and movement in class.

**How many participants? 8 participants (1 Grandpa, 1 Grandma, 2 fathers, 4 mothers)**

**How many children? (6 children)**