

# My Ways of Communicating



## ♥ What it Means for Me

I am discovering that I have a voice and that it matters. I am learning ways to share my ideas and needs in many different ways, especially when we spend time playing together.

Children communicate right from birth using sounds, silence, movement, eye contact, and body language. They observe, imitate, and listen to you—their most important teacher. Children learn to express, explore, and connect their thoughts, feelings, and imagination in many different ways including talking, storytelling, drawing, playing, painting, writing, math, sculpting, construction, dance, music, movement, role playing, using technology, and through drama.

(Edwards, Gandini & Forman, 2012)

## Things I can do, or that I am starting to do, to the best of my abilities:

- I can learn more than one language
- I can communicate in my first language, and I enjoy traditional songs and stories
- I can read pictures and signs around me
- I am interested in reading the pictures and words in books with you
- I try to use some letters and numbers (especially those in my name and my age)
- I communicate clearly enough for others to understand me
- I can share my thinking and ideas by painting, drawing, building, singing, dancing, and telling stories



## Here are some things that help me grow:

- Listen to my stories—I have so many to tell
- Sing songs and rhyme with me—they can even be ones that we make up together
- Speak and read to me every day in our language
- Help my imagination and language grow by encouraging me to play make-believe or pretend
- Take turns with me to ask and answer questions about our day—I love learning new words
- Encourage me to write, draw, paint, build, and create using different tools and materials
- Show me how to use technology and help me set limits
- Teach me to use technology in positive ways
- Create opportunities for us to connect with family and friends in different ways

