PLAY
is the highest form of research

Albert Einstein
Play is the work of childhood

Mr Rogers
Children learn as they Play.
Most importantly in Play children Learn how to Learn.

O. Fred Donaldson
Play also fosters creativity in an *ubuntu* sense and promotes the idea of *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu* (a person is only a person through other people).

Hasina B. Ebrahim
…if you want to know what a child is, study his [her] play; if you want to affect what he [she] shall be, direct the form of play.

Luther Gulick, 1920
Failure is a part of innovation – perhaps the most IMPORTANT part.

Curt Richardson
Giving children a healthy start in life, no matter where they are born or the circumstances of their birth, is the moral obligation of every one of us.

Nelson Mandela, April 2002
By crawling, a child learns to stand

Western African Proverb
...recognise a child's need for development and to engage in play and other recreational activities appropriate to the child's age.

Children’s Act 38 of 2005 Section 6(2)(e)
“The Sustainable Development Goals recognize that early childhood development can help drive the transformation we hope to achieve over the next 15 years.”

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,
UN Headquarters, 22 September 2015
Babies and young children learn when they play.

National Curriculum Framework for birth to four
When times are tough, as they are now, it is that much more important that we strengthen the partnerships that put our children first...

Nhlanhla Nene, Minister of Finance (2015 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement Speech), 21 October 2015
Every year that passes without us making significant investment in early childhood development and initiatives that address these issues, millions of kids will be born into the same cycle of poverty and lack of opportunity. UNICEF and I have joined forces and are here today because investing early in children is an urgent matter and there isn’t another moment to lose.

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Shakira, UN Headquarters, 22 September 2015
The Grade R organisation of language learning is based on principles of integration and play-based learning.

Department of Basic Education. CAPS: Grade R -3
Make early childhood development a top priority among the measures to improve the quality of education and long-term prospects of future generations.

National Development Plan: Vision 2030
If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent the night with a mosquito.

African proverb
Creativity is intelligence having fun.

Albert Einstein
Not all superheroes have capes, some have early childhood degrees.

Unknown
Play turns out to be so stunningly essential to childhood, it's like love, sunshine & broccoli all juiced together

Lenore Skenazy
The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out.

Bill Gates