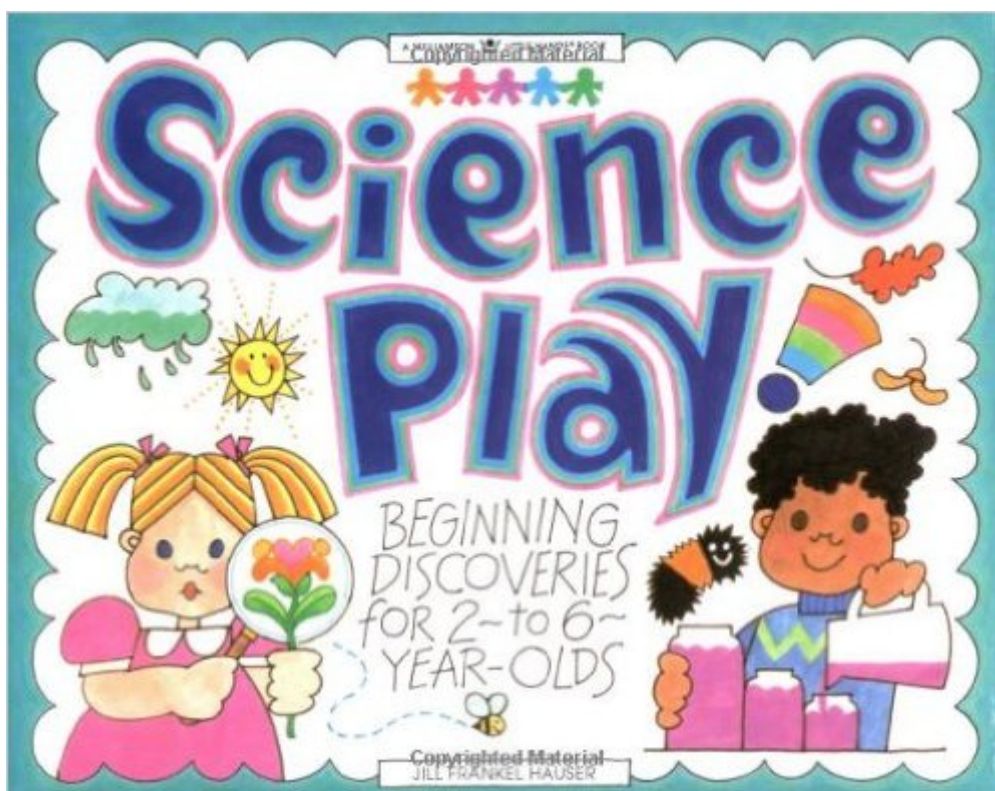


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# Science Play: Beginning Discoveries For 2-To-6-Year-Olds (Williamson Little Hands Book)



## Synopsis

Safe, age-appropriate activities inspire kids to explore, observe and think creatively as they discover science in their own backyard, the kitchen and even their block pile.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

We bought "Science Play" not knowing the joy it would bring to our three year old. She LOVES this book! We enjoy doing the activities with her and like that most "supplies needed" are items we have around the house. The activities are easy, fast and interactive so toddlers are kept interested. Another Bonus: No TV or Computer needed -- just Mom or Dads time.

As a science teacher who specializes in Early Childhood Science, you can't find a better book than this. It has good simple activities. It has different questions you can ask the children to stimulate their thinking. It has short explanations for grown-ups. It even has literature (read-aloud) suggestions. I've read a lot of science books, those published by educational publishers, those with fancy titles etc... and this is the one I recommend to our teachers.

My kids loved these fun learning activities. Enough to keep them busy through early childhood. Nothing canned here. . . all creative and discovery-focused. Makes biology and even physics

accessible to very young children. You can't go wrong with this outstanding guide.

This is really handy for the budding scientist in your preschooler. Experiments are written so that the early reader can understand and do the experiments on their own (it lets the reader know when a parent needs to help or supervise, such as when scissors are involved) and has questions that the parent can use to further expand on projects. Also check this whole series, such as math play, arts and crafts from around the world, rainy day play, weather, shapes, etc. My son loves these activities. Plus for the price, you can't beat it. (...)

It's absolutely perfect for our 3- and 5-year olds! It's a great way to introduce science concepts to them. The experiments are simple to prepare, very interesting and lots of fun. Also, most of the materials are common items used at home. We have done a number of the experiments without spending much money at all. It comes very handy, too, during rainy or snowy days. The activities help keep the kids from getting bored inside the house.

Kindergarten teacher Jill Frankel Hauser presents *Science Play*, a compendium of over 65 safe, age-appropriate activities designed to foster creativity and a sense of discovery in children ages 2 to 6. Step-by-step instructions and simple black-and-white illustrations walk readers through activities such as observing earthworms at work, making puddle prints with food coloring, water, and a simple medicine dropper, or gathering and sorting rocks. Young children will most likely need an adult's help with reading the instructions, but the activities themselves are easy to do and highly inexpensive. Enthusiastically recommended for parents, teachers, and caregivers of young children everywhere.

Simple activities that can be done with almost everyday objects found at the grocery store or at home. My 3 year old is excited about our first activity (the safari color walk). As a teacher with a very inquisitive 3 year old, I highly recommend this book.

I was happily surprised by how great this book is! The *Math Play* book in this series, by a different author, was a big let-down, so I'm happy that the *Science Play* book is so full of interesting and engaging science activities for kids. I've read a lot of books of this kind to find projects and activities for my five-year-old, and so many of them are full of uninspired ideas that you don't really need a book to tell you how to do -- or, they claim to utilize materials from around the house but end up

calling for things like plaster of Paris or Borax or whatever. This book, though, makes use of natural materials found outside, along with true household objects that anyone would have -- paper, scissors, ziplock baggies, the occasional glass jar from your recycling bin. Some of the projects call for art supplies that many kids already have, nothing crazy -- chalk, paints. There are both indoor and outdoor projects here, so the book is useful year-round, including when you can't get out to enjoy nature. I thought the chapter on weather study was especially inspired. We can't wait to make the Cloud in a Bag, or to set up our rain gauge. Many of these activities are interdisciplinary, bringing together science, math, art, and literature. The projects that seamlessly bring together multiple subject areas are really wonderful for us, because we try to approach our homeschool learning in an interdisciplinary way. I would say that, although some of the projects may be suitable for very young kids, the age range for most of the activities in Science Play is more like ages 4-7. But, all kids are different.

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