

Dr. Toy's Vacation Gift Guide



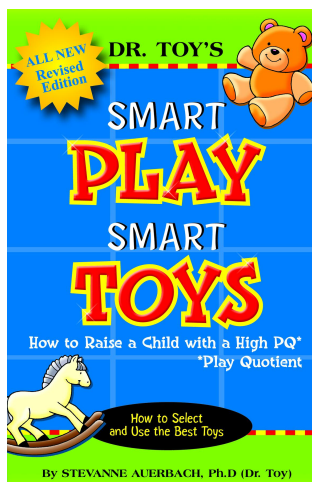
Dr. Toy's Best Vacation Products for 2005



Toys, books, software, games, puzzles, audio and video, and much more...

Dr. Toy makes product selections based on the following criteria:

- safety
- innovation
- design and durability
- age appropriateness
- long lasting play value
- cultural and ethnic diversity
- good transition from home to school
- educational value and learning skills
- creativity
- improves understanding of the community and the world (socially responsible)
- good value for price, and,
- just plain fun!



**Smart Toys +
Smart Play =
Smart Kids!**



Dr. Toy's Tips For Keeping Toys Safe & Clean

- Watch for small parts, sharp edges, loose ties or other possible dangers for children under age of 3.
- Be sure products are labeled non-toxic.
- Cover exposed electric sockets.
- Toys handled frequently by infants and toddlers should be cleaned frequently and disinfected when soiled to prevent spread of germs.
- Buy from a company that guarantees its product and confirms that each product has been carefully tested as appropriate to your child's developmental stage.

About Dr. Toy

Stevanne "Dr. Toy" Auerbach, PhD, is an expert on child's play and the developmental value of toys. She is an educator, frequent speaker, consultant and spokesperson.

Her annual "Best 100 Children's Products" awards issued each fall recognize both large and small companies' best educationally oriented, child skill building products. She also evaluates "Best Vacation Products", "Best Classic Products" and "Smart Play Products of Excellence"





Dr. Toy's Vacation Playtime Pointers

Summertime provides a good energy balance for children. They work hard in school and need playtime for healthy development -- Activity for physical growth, Creativity for expanding imagination, and Learning for alert minds. School requires concentration and energy, so does playtime. Play is the 'work' of children. They learn essential skills from playtime.

Children need transition time when home from school- nutritious snacks, rest and quiet time. They need to retool, re-energize. Good time for music, reading and art. Varied activities available round out their lives and provide new perspectives.

Age-appropriate play outdoors can take the form of skating, jump rope, bike riding, pretend & adventure play, ball throwing, tennis, golf, basketball and activities that allow for physical skills and coordination of minds and bodies. Exercise is more important than ever. Varied playtime Outdoor playtime is important for children every day. Being safe and having fun outdoors gives essential balance needed for everything they're doing.

Indoor play involves creative arts with painting, on flat surface or with large sheets of paper on an easel, making things, cut-out sticker fun like Colorform sets, paper dolls, Woodkins, craft activities and hobbies. Many creative activities combine with listening to music for added value. Building projects are a constructive extension of creative play. Consider some of the suggested construction products.

Play supports children's outlook, imagination and expands interests. They thrive when given a chance to develop stories with puppets and dolls, make things, discover puzzles such as "Scramble Squares," read different books, play games or construct something new. Children have plenty of questions; they want conversations most of all, they want to play, discover and explore to their fullest potential.

Some guidelines from Dr. Toy for wholesome vacation playtime more interesting and enjoyable:

1. Locate a good variety of challenging products and activities appropriate for age and interests.
2. Arrange toys and playthings to be easily accessible and easy to store away.
3. Create a good balance of indoor and outdoor play.
4. Children need to rest, healthy snacks and safe play.
5. Learning to prepare a simple recipe is practical fun for children including making sandwiches, scrambled eggs, snacks or preparation of a balanced and nutritious meal
6. Encourage child to learn how to make something useful like a craft project, to learn to assemble a puzzle, and finding something to do at home or in transit.
7. Encourage and express recognition of accomplishment.
8. The time spent during vacations should be without pressure and as relaxed as possible.
9. Gather an assortment of creative projects and various materials in a storage box along with easy to follow directions. Take time to do a creative project with your child.
10. Arrange an assortment of paper, glue, safety scissors, and magazines to easily cut pictures for collage and scrapbooks in an accessible box.

Say "Toy" around the world!

Afrikaans : Speelgoed
 Albanian : Lodra grazie
 Arabic : Lu'ba
 Armenian : Jaghalik
 Assyrian : Thal Yadei
 Bangla : Khelna
 Bosnian : Igrachka
 Croatian : Igrachka
 Czech : Hracka
 Cantonese : Wan Gee
 Mandarin : Wan Ju
 Danish : Legetoej
 Dutch : Speelgoed
 Egyptian : Lu'ba
 English : TOY
 Estonian : Mänguasi
 Farsi : Samanie Bazi Atfal
 Finnish : Leluja
 Flemish : Speeltje
 French : Jouet
 German : Spielzeug
 Greek : Pehnithi
 Haitian Creole : Jwet
 Hawaiian : Mea pa'ani
 Hebrew : Tza'a'tzu'a
 Hindi : Khilona
 Hungarian : Játék
 Icelandic : Leikfang
 Indonesian : Mainan
 Iranian/Farsi : Asbabe Bazie
 Irish : Bréagán
 Italian : Giocattoli
 Japanese : Omocha
 Korean : Jang Nan Gam
 Macedonian : Igracka
 Malay : Barang permainan
 kanakMalayalam : Kalippattam
 Maltese : Gugarell
 Marathi : Khelane
 Nederlands : Speelgoed
 Norwegian : Leke
 Ovambo : Okai Ma Kokudana
 Papiamentu : Kos Di Hunga
 Polish : Zabawka
 Portuguese : Brinquedo
 Romanian : Jucarie
 Russian : Igrushka
 Slovenian : Igracha
 Spanish : Juguete
 Surinam : Pre sani
 Swedish : Leksak
 Tagalog : Laruan
 Tamil : Bommai
 Telugu : Bomma
 Thai : Khong-len'
 Turkish : Oyuncak
 Ukrainian : Igrashka
 Vietnamese : Do choi



Dr. Toy's Suggested Smart Toys to Assist Your Child in Learning & Fun

Scramble Squares Puzzles. Age 3 and up. \$7.95

9-piece puzzles offer challenge, learning and fun with over 100 different themes including: Hot Air Balloons, Sea Shells, Space Shuttle and Vintage Airplanes.

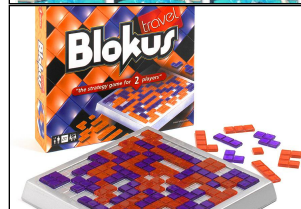
b. dazzle www.b-dazzle.com 800-809-4242



Travel Blokus. Age 5 and up. \$19.99

The travel version of this popular strategy game has a compact design with only one color game piece per player and is challenging for beginners and experts.

Educational Insights www.educationalinsights.com 800-995-4436



Reading Roadway USA™ Reading Comprehension. Age 8-12. \$19.95

Travel while discovering fascinating facts while building reading comprehension skills.

Learning Resources www.learningresources.com 800-222-3909



Block Buddies® Musical Farm. Ages 1-5. \$19.99

This musical farm entertains and teaches with engaging, interactive musical fun.

Mega Bloks www.megabloks.com 800-465-6342



Bratz Sportz. 6 yrs and up. \$9.99

Inspire physical activity and involvement in sports with these Bratz dolls ready to play their favorites — soccer, cheerleading, bowling or golf.

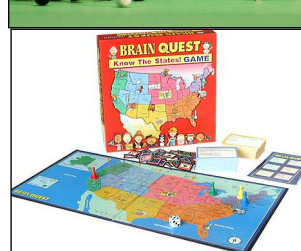
MGA Entertainment, www.mgae.com , 800-222-4685



Brain Quest® and Brain Quest® Geography Games. Ages 6 and up. \$22.99

Brain Quest games ask different questions to level the playing field when kids of varied grade levels play together .

University Games, www.areugame.com, 800-471-0641



V.Smile TV Pocket Ages 5-12. \$89.99

Combines educational content, loveable characters and an easy-to-hold portable system for learning fun on the go or at home. Teaches essential day-to-day skills and language, math, vocabulary and problem solving.

VTech Electronics www.vtechkids.com. 800-521-2010



Tangle, Jr. Ages 3 and up. \$1.99

For children and adults to play with on trips or anytime. Slips through fingers and stimulates the brain as it increases finger dexterity.

Tangle Toys www.tangletoys.com. 888-829-3808



DR. TOY'S BEST CHILDRENS VACATION PRODUCTS FOR 2005

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#	Company	Product Type	Age	Price	Phone	Website
1.	20th Century Fox	Sandlot 2 DVD AE HO DV	6-12	\$19.98	310-694-3120	foxstore.com
2.	ALEX	Animal Kickboards AE	2-12	\$12.99	800-666-2539	alextoys.com
3.	Armstrong Moving Picture	Wheels on the Bus Video DV	1-4	\$14.99	818-731-3667	thewheelsonthebus.com
4.	b. dazzle	Chicago! Scramble Squares ES NO PZ TR	4-12	\$7.95	800-809-4242	b-dazzle.com
5.	b. dazzle	Classic Cars Scramble Squares ES NO PZ TR	4-12	\$7.95	800-809-4242	b-dazzle.com
6.	b. dazzle	Dolphins Scramble Squares ES NO PZ TR	4-12	\$7.95	800-809-4242	b-dazzle.com
7.	b. dazzle	No. American Birds Squares ES NO PZ TR	4-12	\$7.95	800-809-4242	b-dazzle.com
8.	b. dazzle	Turtles Scramble Squares ES NO PZ TR	4-12	\$7.95	800-809-4242	b-dazzle.com
9.	BabyPro	Let's Make a Splash! DVD AE ES VT DV	9 mos-5	\$12.98	888-668-6646	babyprosports.com
10.	Banyan Entertainment	Are We There Yet? DVD ES PU TR DV	3-8	\$14.99	215-928-1414	milesthegoose.com
11.	big BOING Toys	Dinosaur Island AE CP TY	4-8	\$9.99	510-653-0349	bigboing.com
12.	big BOING Toys	Sea Princess AE CP TY	4-8	\$9.99	510-653-0349	bigboing.com
13.	big BOING Toys	Water Xylophone AE CP TY	3-8	\$9.99	510-653-0349	bigboing.com
14.	Binney & Smith	Fingerpaint & Coloring Book AC CP FP	3-12	\$10.00	800-272-9652	crayola.com
15.	Binney & Smith	Fingerpaints & Paper AC CP	3-12	\$10.00	800-272-9652	crayola.com
16.	Blue Orange	Baby Bear Puzzle Up CO ES PZ	1-24 mos	\$14.95	415-252-0372	blueorangegames.com
17.	Blue Orange	Crazy Bluff GE	7-12	\$16.95	415-252-0372	blueorangegames.com
18.	Blue Orange	TopiTop Showdown BG ES	5-12	\$19.95	415-252-0372	blueorangegames.com
19.	Braincandy	My 5 Senses CP ES PU VT DV	6-24 mos	\$19.99	866-725-9070	braincandykids.com
20.	Breyer/Reeves Intl	Mini Whinnies Countryside AE HO TR TY	4-12	\$15.00	973-633-5090	breyerhorses.com
21.	Briarpatch	Scooby-Doo! CG ES TR	6-12	\$9.99	800-232-7427	briarpatch.com
22.	Chicco	Bilingual Talking Cube ES TR	9 mos-3	\$29.99	877-424-4226	chiccousa.com
23.	Crafty Dab	Kids Paint Set AC AE CP TR	3-12	\$13.00	800-523-8987	craftydab.com
24.	Derby Productions	Teddy-2-Cute CP ES NO PL TR	3-12	\$24.95	239-656-1463	teddy2cute.com
25.	Digital Praise	Sword of the Spirit AE CD EG ES	8-12	\$29.95	510-770-0244	digitalpraise.com/
26.	Digital Praise	Treasure of the Incas AE CD EG ES	8-12	\$29.95	510-770-0244	digitalpraise.com/
27.	Discovery Toys	Buzzy Buddy AE ES PL TS	3 mos-3	\$9.99	800-341-8697	discoverytoysinc.com
28.	Discovery Toys	Safari Connection AE ES PL PZ	1-5	\$16.99	800-341-8697	discoverytoysinc.com
29.	Discovery Toys	Truck Tumblers AE ES PZ TS	5-12	\$12.99	800-341-8697	discoverytoysinc.com
30.	Educational Insights	Travel Blokus ES GE TR TS	6-12	\$29.95	800-995-4436	edin.com
31.	EI Kids	Sleep Fairy CD CD TR	3-7	\$9.99	888-613-9861	sleepfairy.com
32.	Elope	Daisy Princess Hat AE CP NO PL	3-12	\$12.99	800-553-5673	elope.com
33.	Elope	Kids Grasshopper Hat AE CP ES NO PL	3-12	\$12.99	800-553-5673	elope.com
34.	Family Games	Splash Attack AE GE	4-12	\$19.99	800-291-1176	familygamesamerica.com
35.	First Wave	Fundamentals DVD ES VT DV	6 mos-4	\$19.45	917-620-2422	thefirstwave.com
36.	Folkmanis	Bichon Frise PU	2-12	\$20.00	800-654-8922	folkmanis.com
37.	Folkmanis	Hooded Rat PU	3-12	\$16.00	800-654-8922	folkmanis.com
38.	Fundex Games	Swipe GE	8-12	\$5.99	800-486-9787	fundexgames.com
39.	Fundex Games	Tip of the Tongue GE	8-12	\$7.99	800-486-9787	fundexgames.com
40.	Games for All Reasons	Charlie & Chocolate Factory BG	6-12	\$14.95	781-648-2029	game-board.com
41.	Gamewright	Granny Apples CG	8-12	\$11.99	800-638-7568	gamewright.com
42.	Gamewright	Leaping Lizards CG	5-12	\$11.99	800-638-7568	gamewright.com
43.	Gamewright	Scrambled States 2 CG	6-12	\$5.99	800-638-7568	gamewright.com
44.	Geoplunge	GeoPlunge CG ES TR	6-12	\$12.95	877-475-8643	geoplunge.com
45.	Gobabies	"F" is for Farm DVD PZ DV	18 mos-3	\$19.99	800-462-2297	alphabetroad.com
46.	Goetz Dolls	Love 'n Nurture Newborn DO FP	3-5	\$49.99	800-631-1272	intplay.com
47.	Goldberger Doll	13" Potty Time DO ES SR TY	3-5	\$9.99	800-452-3655	goldbergerdoll.com
48.	Harrison Group	Scary Hair My L'Stones AC AE CP ES TR	6-12	\$29.95	207-846-1548	scaryhair.com
49.	Hexabits	Mini Mix 250 AC CO CP PZ TR	4-12	\$12.95	734-389-2500	hexabits.com
50.	Inspiration Software	Kidspiration 2.1 SW	5-12	\$69.00	800-877-4292	inspiration.com
51.	Int'l Playthings	Magnetic Games BG TR	8-12	\$9.99	800-631-1272	intplay.com
52.	Int'l Playthings	Water Play Mat AE ES	0-12 mos	\$9.99	800-631-1272	intplay.com
53.	Int'l Playthings	Word of Mouth BG ES	8-12	\$12.99	800-631-1272	intplay.com
54.	Jocapa Products	Birthday Gamesake AC AE BG ES NO	6-12	\$29.95	800-805-2632	gamesake.com
55.	KGI Consumer	Teen Tech DVD Player EL EQ TR TS	8-12	\$99.99	800-544-7763	kgiproducts.com
56.	Kid Galaxy	Backyard Flyer EL TY	8-12	\$20.00	800-816-1135	kidgalaxy.com
57.	Kid Galaxy	Buggies Inchworm EL TY	3-5	\$20.00	800-816-1135	kidgalaxy.com
58.	Kid Galaxy	GoGo Auto Fire Truck EL TY	24-26 mos	\$20.00	800-816-1135	kidgalaxy.com

Key to Product Type:

AC = arts and crafts
AE = active
BG = board game
BO = book
CD = CD

CG = card game
CO = construction
CP = creative
DO = doll
DV = DVD
EG = electronic game

EL = electronic
EQ = equipment
ES = educational
FP = fantasy play
GE = game
HO = hobby

ML = musical
NO = novelty
PL = plush
PU = puppet
PZ = puzzle
SR = socially respons.

SW = software
TR = travel
TS = transportation
TY = toy
VG = video game
VT = video tape

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59.	Kid Galaxy	Morphibian Gator EL TY	8-12	\$25.00	800-816-1135	kidgalaxy.com
60.	Kidzmouse	KidzMouse Keys CR ES	2-10	\$24.95	866-543-6687	kidzmouse.com
61.	Klutz	Amazing Lacing BO ES	4-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
62.	Klutz	Books in a Cup NO TR TS	8-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
63.	Klutz	Doodles Cats-Dogs-Faces AC BO CP	6-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
64.	Klutz	Highlight This Book BO ES	4-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
65.	Klutz	Magnetic A to Z BO ES	4-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
66.	Klutz	Totally Tape BO ES	4-12	\$9.95	800-558-8944	klutz.com
67.	Know A Baby	Know A Baby VT VT	1-36 mos	\$9.95	805-584-2074	knowababy.com
68.	Learning Horizons	Dora the Explorer BO ES	3-6	\$5.99	800-532-8876	learninghorizons.com
69.	Learning Horizons	Know-It-Alls CD Book BO CD ES	4-9	\$5.99	800-532-8876	learninghorizons.com
70.	Learning Horizons	Learn on the Go BO CD ES TR	6-8	\$6.99	800-532-8876	learninghorizons.com
71.	Learning Resources	Color Link Frogs ES	1-3	\$14.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
72.	Learning Resources	Lowercase Alphabet ES	1-3	\$7.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
73.	Learning Resources	Number Fun Ducks ES	1-3	\$14.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
74.	Learning Resources	Numbers & Operations ES	1-3	\$7.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
75.	Learning Resources	Reading Roadway USA, ES	8-12	\$19.95	800-222-3909	Learningresources.com
76.	Learning Resources	Shape Shell Turtles ES	1-3	\$14.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
77.	Learning Resources	Uppercase Alphabet ES	1-3	\$7.95	800-222-3909	learningresources.com
78.	Leboe & Grice	Smart Bear Adventures AC CD CP SW	3-9	\$24.95	888-633-4218	smart-bear.com
79.	LEGO Systems	Cool Carry All AC CP HO NO TR	6-12	\$14.99	800-453-4652	lego.com
80.	LEGO Systems	Fire Station AE CO CP HO TS	5-12	\$29.99	800-453-4652	lego.com
81.	LEGO Systems	Tiny Turbos AE CO CP HO NO	6-12	\$3.49	800-453-4652	lego.com
82.	Made By Hands	Friendship Cards AC CP TR	3-12	\$8.99	800-839-7369	made-by-hands.com
83.	Made By Hands	Make-Your-Own PostCards AC CP TR	7-12	\$8.99	800-839-7369	made-by-hands.com
84.	Made By Hands	Scrapbook Cards AC CP TR	3-12	\$8.99	800-839-7369	made-by-hands.com
85.	Magic Maestro Music	Casey at the Bat ML	6-12	\$16.98	866-432-7624	magicmaestromusic.com
86.	Mega Bloks	Ariel Building Bucket CO CP ES FP TR	1-5	\$9.99	800-465-6342	megabloks.com
87.	Mega Bloks	Lil'Copter CO CP ES TR TS	1-3	\$12.99	800-465-6342	megabloks.com
88.	Mega Bloks	ProBuilder Speed Bike CO CP ES HO	8-12	\$12.99	800-465-6342	megabloks.com
89.	Mega Bloks	Tiny'n Tuff Race'n Go Rig CO CP ES TR TS	1-3	\$19.99	800-465-6342	megabloks.com
90.	MGA	Bratz Sportz TR TS	6-12	\$9.99	800-222-4685	mgae.com
91.	Mic-O-Mic	LonPos 101 Pyramid ES HO PZ TR	6-12	\$16.99	877-642-6642	micamericas.com
92.	Mic-O-Mic	Sports Car CO ES HO PZ TR	6-12	\$37.50	877-642-6642	micamericas.com
93.	Mudpuppy Press	Reading is Cool BO CP ES TR	9-12	\$10.00	800-670-7441	mudpuppy.com
94.	NAMiTS	Blue - Travel Edition GE TR	4-12	\$9.95	207-797-5502	namits.com
95.	Noodle Head	Flip Flop Fun AC CP TR	4-12	\$14.00	866-892-7311	noodleheadfun.com
96.	Noodle Head	Sassy Silk Halter AC CP TR	5-12	\$18.00	866-892-7311	noodleheadfun.com
97.	Noodle Head	Travel Buddies PL TR	18 mos-3	\$12.00	866-892-7311	noodleheadfun.com
98.	On The Spot Games	DidYa Know? GE TR	6-12	\$7.95	206-396-0449	
99.	Oregon Scientific	3-D Explorer Globe EL ES	6-12	\$99.99	800-853-8883	oscientific.com
100.	Oregon Scientific	Barbie World Encyclopedia EL ES	6-12	\$29.99	800-853-8883	oscientific.com
101.	Oregon Scientific	Batman Power Wing Laptop EL ES	5-12	\$49.99	800-853-8883	oscientific.com
102.	Oregon Scientific	B-School Writing Tablet EL ES	3-12	\$39.99	800-853-8883	oscientific.com
103.	PAKA Preschool	Jumbo Go Go Go AE CP EG	0-36 mos	\$79.80	852-210808	kskids.com
104.	Parent by Battat	Young at Art CP ES TS	18-36 mos	\$14.99	800-822-8828	battat-toys.com
105.	PlaSmart	PlasmaCar AE TS	3-12	\$69.95	877-289-0730	plasmacar.com
106.	Publications Intl	Story Reader BO ES TR TS	3-8	\$24.99	800-745-9299	pilbooks.com
107.	RandomLine	SQUIGGLE on-the-go GE TR	5-12	\$6.95	973-889-8964	randomline.com
108.	Schoenhut Piano	Thumb Piano ES ML	3-12	\$34.99	888-414-2739	toypiano.com
109.	Schylling	Zoo Animals ES NO PZ TR	3-12	\$11.99	800-767-8697	schylling.com
110.	SceneLife	Scene It? Jr. BG DV	8-12	\$34.99	866-383-4263	sceneit.com
111.	Scribble Mats!	EZ-Fold Scribbles AC AE BO ES	3-12	\$6.99	877-543-3248	scribblemats.com
112.	Smart Picks	Fruit Flies Picnic BO SR	3-12	\$15.95	888-712-3144	smartpicks.com
113.	Smoby	Ribbon Dancer AE ML	5-12	\$16.99	800-631-1272	intplay.com
114.	Takara USA	R/C Loch Ness Monster AE TY	6-12	\$29.95	800-253-6532	takara-usa.com
115.	Tangle Toys	Tangle Jr. Try Me CP NO PZ	3-12	\$1.99	888-829-3808	tangletoys.com
116.	Tangle Toys	X Games Super Stunters CP PZ TR	5-12	\$7.99	888-829-3808	tangletoys.com
117.	Think Fun	Charodles GE	10-12	\$24.99	800-468-1864	thinkfun.com
118.	Think Fun	Subtrax GE	8-12	\$15.99	800-468-1864	thinkfun.com
119.	Time for Manners	Time for Manners DVD DV	3-5	\$17.95	248-470-8109	timeformanners.com
120.	Tiny Love	Whale-of-Fun TY	9 mos-3	\$14.95	888-846-9568	tinylove.com
121.	Tiny Tot Sports	Baby Golf DVD VT DV	0-4	\$16.99	info@tinytotsports.com	tinytotsports.com
122.	Twin Sisters	102 Camp Songs BO CD ES	0-12	\$12.99	800-248-8946	twinsisters.com

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123.	University Games	Brain Quest Games GE	6-12	\$22.99	800-347-4818	areugame.com
124.	University Games	Colorforms Fun Pockets CP GE	3-8	\$5.99	800-347-4818	areugame.com
125.	University Games	Spinner Books for Kids BO GE	7-12	\$7.99	800-347-4818	areugame.com
126.	Upper Deck	Magical Fairy Game CG TS	6-12	\$12.99	800-873-7332	upperdeck.com
127.	Upper Deck	Yu-Gi-Oh! CG HO TS	6-12	\$9.99	800-873-7332	upperdeck.com
128.	VTech	V.Smile TV Pocket EG ES TR VG	5-12	\$89.99	800-521-2010	vtechkids.com
129.	Wai Lang Yoga	Little Yoga Daydream DVD VG DV	2-5	\$12.95	800-228-5145	wailana.com
130.	Walter Foster	Draw and Color Series BO CP ES HO	6-10	\$4.95	800-426-0099	walterfoster.com
131.	Walter Foster	Fun with Rock Painting AC CP HO	8-12	\$14.95	800-426-0099	walterfoster.com
132.	Walter Foster	Paint Like a Famous Artist AC CP ES HO	8-12	\$14.95	800-426-0099	walterfoster.com
133.	Weskel Games	Portfolio Junior BG ES GE PZ	5-8	\$29.95	702-269-7640	playportfoliogame.com
134.	Wiggles 3D	Don't Quote Me BG CP ES	10-12	\$19.99	866-801-4263	dontquoteme.com
135.	WizKids	Pirates--Crimson Coast BG TY	6-12	\$3.99	425-818-9349	piratescsg.com
136.	WonderChess	WonderChess Kit BG BO ES HO	4-12	\$19.95	206-427-9748	wonderchess.com
137.	World Notes	Baku the Travel Bug ES SR TR DV	3-8	\$16.99	617-973-5080	bakutravels.com



About Best Vacation Products

Stevanne Auerbach, PhD/Dr. Toy, child development specialist, cautions, "Parents must plan, prepare, and shop ahead for their children's leisure time. Not only pack sunscreen and hats, but take along toys, books, and games to keep your little ones safe while in the home, car, or on the plane, and at your destination."

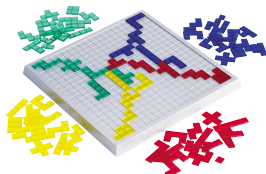


These selected products will help all parents to overcome the challenge of finding innovative, fun and interesting things for their kids to do," says Dr. Toy. Dr. Toy's selections help parents offer a healthy balance of positive activities for travel, skill building, physical development, hobbies, crafts, and year-round at home creativity.

Loads of ideas to make summer enjoyable are only a few moments away. Dr. Toy's Best Vacation report reduces the time it takes to locate new, developmental, and innovative products designed to help children be happily productive.

Dr. Toy searches for products that are:

- (1) Safe.
- (2) Well-designed.
- (3) Skill building.
- (4) Challenging.
- (5) Reasonable cost, and
- (6) Fun!





Dr. Toy's Tips For Travel and Vacation Fun

"MOM, DAD, WHAT CAN I DO NOW?" is the all too familiar wail of millions of kids to their parents after school, on weekends, on travel and all summer long.

Dr. Toy responds to with lots of constructive, fun activities with the finest award-winning list of "**Best Vacation Products**-" for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers to older children.

Tip 1 Parents need to plan and prepare ahead for their children's travel and leisure time. Select in advance some good products that are perfect for play-time and bring them along. You should have a much easier time finding good things for your child to do in the summer, on travel, or after school.

Tip 2 Parents need to find innovative and interesting things for their kids. These selections help parents offer a healthy balance of fun, positive activities for travel, skill building, physical development and creativity. Consider books, games, art activities, tapes and soft toys. Specific suggestions are contained on www.drtoy.com (Dr. Toy's Guide).

Tip 3 Children need interesting things to do and play with. They need to explore new opportunities and be challenged. Parents can provide skill-building things that will help them learn while having fun during their travel and leisure time.

Tip 5 Children need balance and variety in their play. Parents can provide an assortment of carefully selected toys, books, software, tapes, puzzles, crafts, physical equipment and other items that help them learn while experiencing new found interests. When on travel they can learn to use and read maps. The right products and activities will help them to discover new talents and innate abilities without feeling pressured.

Tip 6 Children need to know they will be safe. In the car they need seatbelts, activities and to understand that they need to keep occupied while others are driving. When parents are not available they need to know someone responsible that they can trust is nearby to provide guidance, support and supervision. The person needs to be authorized to act in case of an emergency. Children should know how to dial 911, swim, and how to handle the basics of personal safety.

Selected Smart Toys for Vacation Fun and Learning

Puzzle/Logical Thinking

Scramble Squares Puzzles
B.dazzle (Ages 3 and up \$7.95)
800-809-4242 b-dazzle.com

Strategy/Logic Development

Travel Blokus Educational
Insights (Ages 5 and up. \$19.99)
800-995-4436.
educationalinsights.com

Reading/Geography

Reading Roadway USA™ Reading
Comprehension. Learning
Resources (Ages 8-12. \$19.95)
800-222-3909.
learningresources.com

Construction Play/Listening Skills

Block Buddies® Musical Farm.
MEGABLOKS (Ages 1-5. \$19.99)
800-465-6342. megabloks.com

Dramatic Play/Active

Bratz Sportz. MGA
Entertainment
(Ages 6 and up. \$9.99)
800-222-4685. mgae.com

Learning/Language

Brain Quest® and Brain Quest®
Geography Games. University
Games (Ages 6 and up. \$22.99)
800-471-0641. areugame.com

Language/Math/ Reading

V.Smile TV Learning System.
VTech (Ages 5-12. \$89.99)
VTech Electronics
800-521-2010. vtechkids.com

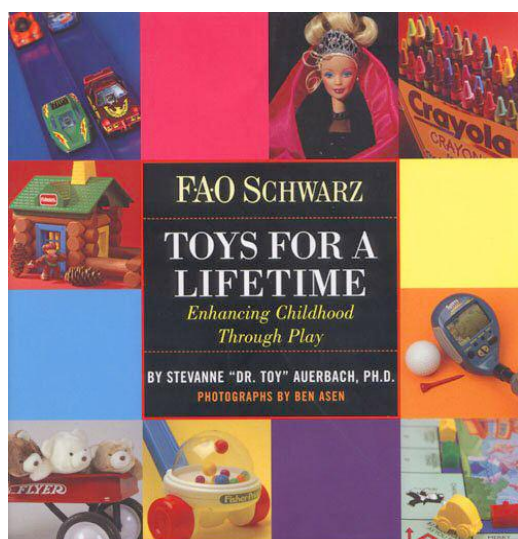
Physical Dexterity

Tangle, Jr. (Ages 3 and up. \$1.99)
Tangle Toys
888-829-3808. tangletoys.com



INVITATION To PLAY

Books to Guide Search For The Right Toy



TOYS FOR A LIFETIME:

Enhancing Childhood Through Play

by Stevanne Auerbach, PhD. (Dr. Toy)
Photographs by Ben Asen

144 pages • size: 8" x 8" • 100 color illustrations
Hardcover: ISBN # 0-7893-0355-8 \$25.00

Published by Rizzoli/Universe/FAO Schwarz-a Byron Preiss book. This beautiful and unique book presents a lively look at the toys we grew up with and a practical tool for parents interesting in selecting the best toys for their children. In addition to colorful short stories of great toys, acclaimed author Dr. Toy describes how each plaything helps children develop social and academic skills and how parents can support their child's developmental play needs.

"Great info on many of my favorite toys, and beautifully photographed."

The Ultimate Toy Gift Book



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The book is now available in Chinese, German, Korean, Spanish and Thai. For more information, see www.drtoy.com



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Dr. Toy provides practical ideas to enhance playtime, for all children from baby to older children.

- Dr. Stevanne Auerbach really understands children, play and toys. This book is a wonderful

research to suggest toys ranging from brooms and plastic cups to books and watercolors to amuse, stimulate, and activate children.

Kathryn Carpenter
Booklist, American Library Association

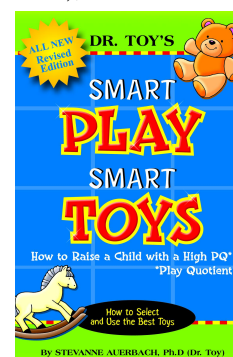
- **Dr. Toy's Smart Play**
Smart Toys is a great guide for anyone searching for the right toy for creative play, building developmental skills or for just plain fun. It's easy to use and well organized. Invaluable! - Alice Bergman
West Side Kids (ASTRA member), N.Y. C.



resource for parents, teachers and everyone who works and plays with children...

Michael B. Rothenberg, M.D.

- Auerbach applies her scientific, but not preachy expertise to that challenge. She relies as much on common sense and parenting insight as on scholarly



"Toys+Play = Smart Kids"