

Pointers For Parents

Communicate With Your Child's Imagination

(NAPSA)—Learning can be fun—especially early in the education process. What children see and hear at an early age influences how they learn to communicate. Doctors say parents can help their kids to develop verbal skills using musical tunes, puppets and cartoon animation. Speech pathologists and child psychologists often use these imaginative tactics to foster creativity in children and to teach them basic language and verbal skills.

One possible reason that such tools appeal to toddlers and enhance their communication skills is that objects and programs that encourage make-believe provide a relaxed learning environment. Experts maintain that, since a child's world is one based so much on the imagination, parents can use fantasy play to provide a unique atmosphere in which to teach their kids with creative resources such as art and music.

Certain videos aimed specifically at toddlers, such as the *Baby Looney Tunes* video series from Warner Home Video and Child Smart, use a unique format of live scenes, colorful puppets and animation to encourage toddlers to explore the world of art, music and nature.

In *Baby Looney Tunes: Backyard Adventures*, insects, flowers and



One way to capture a child's imagination is with entertaining music, puppets and animation, featured in the *Baby Looney Tunes* video series.

other backyard wonders are introduced and reinforced with simple arts and crafts projects to help spark creativity in children. In *Baby Looney Tunes: Musical Adventures* Baby Bugs, Baby Tweety and Baby Taz experiment with sounds and play real and pretend musical instruments to engage and educate children about music.

These types of videos enhance a child's early learning experience by offering an enjoyable opportunity to learn communication skills and to be exposed to nature, art and music. These tools may be just what the doctor ordered to help a child grow into a well-rounded adult.

For more information on these or other educational videos, visit www.whvdirect.com.