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Thoughts For The Week

One of the most misleading phrases in our language is "child's play." We use it to suggest something that's easy to do, something trivial. But it's not -- not by any means. When children play, they're *working*. For them play is both a serious and necessary business. Children's play is a way for them to try on different roles and pretend to be bigger than they really are, stronger than they really are, or even, at times, smaller than they really are. And playing gives children a chance to rehearse for events that may be worrisome to them -- a visit to the doctor, a first haircut, or the first day of school. By pretending about the possibilities, children can prepare themselves for the things that might actually happen. Another aspect of play is its usefulness.

Mister Rogers

Songs On The Programs This Week

Your Notes For The Week

I once heard a four year old at nursery school tell his mother, "you can leave now, I have work to do."