

5 Aspects of the Learning Environment



To make things a little easier for you, at Gee Whiz, we are going to help you focus on 5 different aspects of the learning environment. We use the acronym **SMILE**.

S_{elf}

M_{aterials}

I_{nteractions}

L_{earning}

E_{ngagement}

In the following pages, we will break down each of these areas into specific skills and strategies you can utilize in your program with the children you serve and their parents/caregivers. Keep in mind that there are probably many more areas we could address in this booklet but we wanted to focus on what we view as the most important.