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This book is about a boy called Justin, a girl called Jane and their friends.

They helped to make this story so you can see some of the work they do, and the games they play, when they go to pre-school.

You may play some of these games at home.

Perhaps you go to pre-school, or will be going soon.

Your pre-school may be called nursery school or kindergarten.

These children have lots of fun together, and do many interesting things. As you turn the pages of this book, you can share their day with them.



Justin and Jane
come to pre-school
in the morning.
They both bring suitcases.
Justin has his lunch in his case
because he stays
at pre-school all day.

They say goodbye to their mothers
and take their cases
into the locker-room.

In the locker-room
all the children have a place
of their own.
Justin's locker
has his name and a clock
picture on it.
He keeps his case in here.

Justin is going to paint this morning,
so he will take a painting apron
with him to the easel.





Justin is painting
this picture
for his Grandma.
Easel paintings are sticky
when they are finished,
so they are pegged
on a line to dry.

Susan is wearing
a big apron
for finger-painting.
The paint is cold
and squelchy
and she spreads it
on the paper
with her hands.

Margo is telling her
not to forget
to "do the person's toes".





There are lots of puzzles to play with at pre-school. Jane and Nicole are making a train puzzle together.

Tanya has used the beads to build a tower.

Jason is pretending that he is sick. Jane is the nurse and feeds him some dough. He doesn't really eat it.

Andrew was a butcher in a striped apron, but now he is the doctor and is giving Jason an injection. Of course, Jason feels better soon.





Scott has put
a pair of "2s"
on the magnetic board.

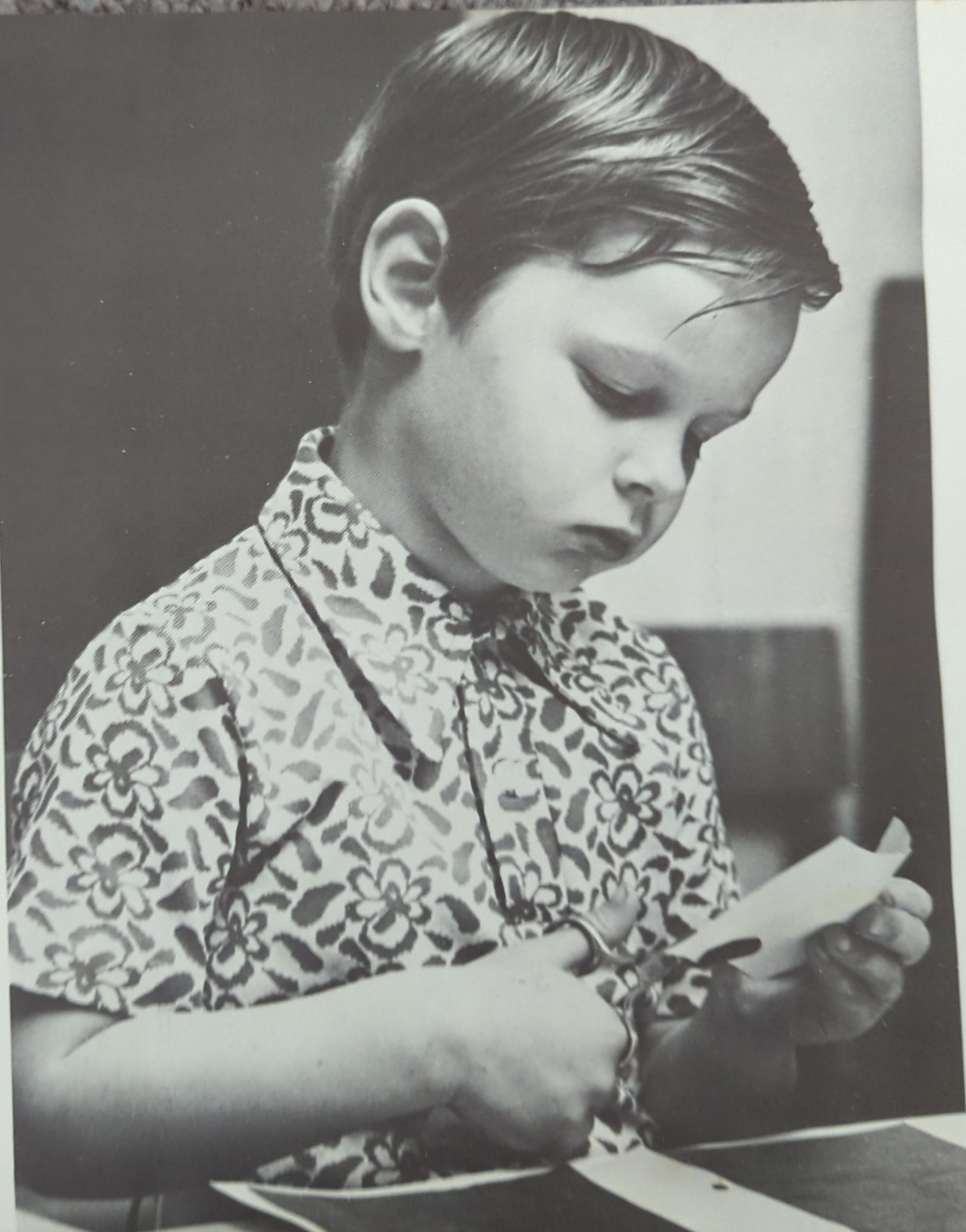
Anthony tried
to write "dog".
It really was
a very good try;
he has the beginning
and the end letters.

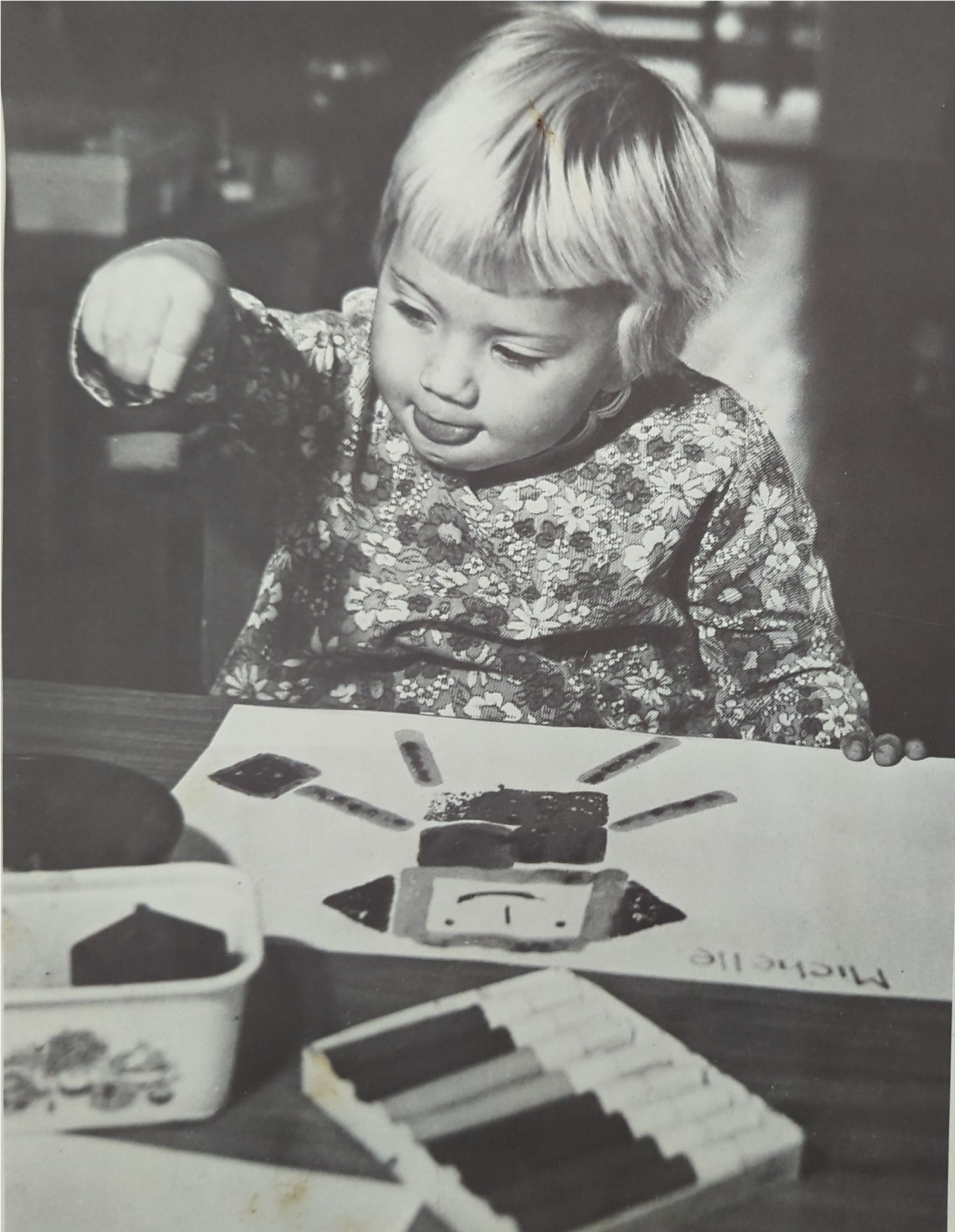
There is a quiet corner
for looking at books.
Bruce and Michael
are looking at a book
together.



Anthony enjoys
cutting out shapes
and pasting them on paper

He has made a house,
and the front door really
opens and shuts.





Michelle is making her picture a different way with shapes and crayons. She has a triangle, a rectangle and a square, and she is using these to make a printing picture.



Michael is patting a big lump of dough.

It is fun to squeeze and hammer and roll dough.

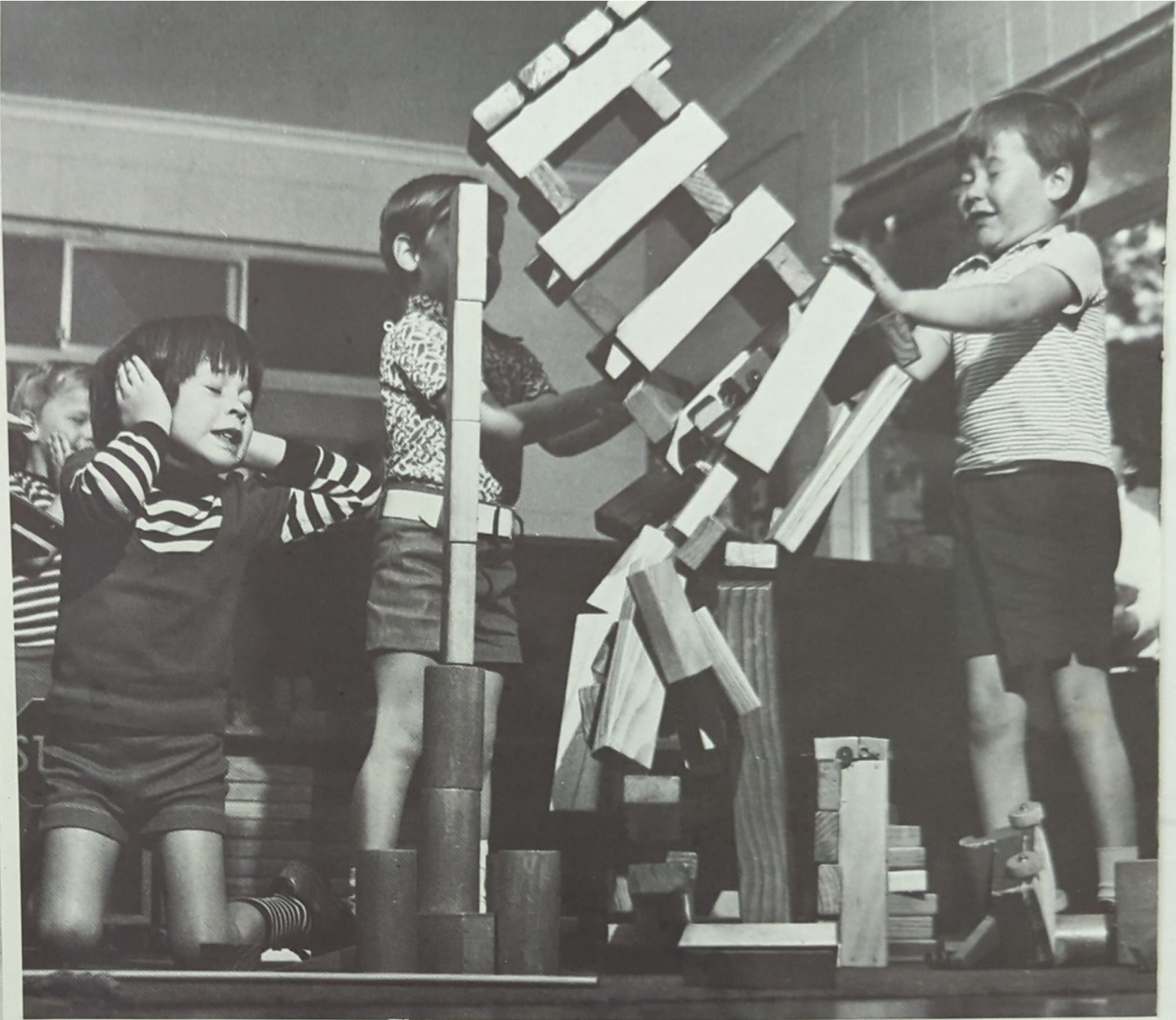
Kylie and Peter have animal shapes to make a spattering picture. Peter is scrubbing paint on the frame.

When Kylie had finished her picture, she put it in her locker.



Look at the high block building that Justin, Anthony and Roger have made.

When it was time to pack away, Roger pushed the blocks over. Then the boys helped to stack the blocks on the shelves.



Lego blocks are a very special favourite.

Lisa is thinking where to fit the next block on her tower.

Andrew is building a tractor with big wheels, and Jason has made a fence around his house.





Now Justin and Jane have come outside to play with the water trough.

Look at Jane's bucketful of water—what a splash!
Nicole is watching Justin drip water out of a tugboat,
and Gina is pouring from one bottle to another.

Greg, Scott and Anthony are building a jumbo jet on the carpentry bench. It is taking them a long time because the wood is quite hard, and some of the nails are bending.





Sometimes the children go for a walk to visit interesting places, and sometimes visitors come to the pre-school.

This morning the fire-engine came to the pre-school. The fireman talked to the children about the engine and showed them where the ladders and fire buckets are stored. They all had a turn to hold the hose while the engine pumped out water.

When the fire-engine had gone and the excitement was over, everyone came inside for a drink.



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Justin and Jane and their friends sit together on the mat for storytime.
Lisa brings her Teddy to listen too.

This is a funny story and the children laugh and laugh.





At music time the children play percussion instruments while their teacher plays the piano. Justin is having a turn to march with the drum. Lisa has the maracas, and Jason is banging the cymbals very hard.

Jane goes home from pre-school at lunchtime.



Justin and Andrew have been to the toilet and are washing their hands ready for lunch. Justin thinks he has enough soap on his hands to blow bubbles.

Now it is lunchtime.

The children like to sit at their tables and talk and eat together.

Justin has brought his lunch from his suitcase in the locker-room.

Today he has a cheese sandwich, some celery and a glass of milk for lunch.





After lunch
and a busy morning
everyone has a rest
on their beds.

Anne is tired
and is rubbing her eyes.
Justin has already
gone to sleep.

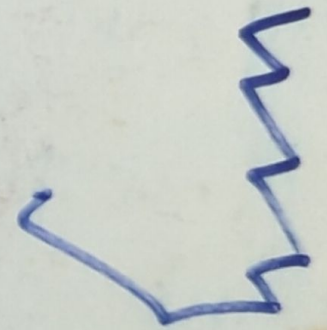
When rest time is over,
there is time for a
little water-painting
and play in the sandpit.

Richard is watching
Justin and his
friend, Tony, filling
the pipes with sand.





Now Justin is helping Tony into the tree-house. The children call it "the lookout" and climb up there to watch for their mothers at going-home time.



Justin can see his mother coming along the road. He will climb down now and go to the locker-room for his suitcase.