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| ***Thinking about Space….with Intention***  ***Exercise 1.***  Before you can approach the design of a space you need to determine for yourself  The primary objective of that space. The “why” that is its reason for being.  Consider the quotes about space below. Use the embedded concepts and others you might find meaningful in your own perspective as a starting point for philosophy of the space you intend to create.   * “Every person needs a place that is furnished with hope”. - Maya Angelou      * “More than the physical space, (the environment) includes the way time is structured and the roles we are expected to play. It conditions how we feel, think, and behave; and it dramatically affects the quality of our lives”. * Jim Greenman * “First we shape our buildings. Thereafter they shape our lives”. * Winston Churchill * “Our thoughts as reflected in our designs, which in turn shape children’s beliefs about themselves and life”. * Anita Olds * “The environment is the most visible aspect of the work done in the schools by   all the protagonists. It conveys the message that this is a place where adults have thought about the quality and instructive power of space”.   * Lella Gandini * “Play…. is the free expression of what is in a child’s soul … play is not mere sport but full of meaning and import.” * Friedrich Froebel   Quotes from: Margie Carter; Making Your Environment “The Third Teacher”  *Exchange, The Early Leaders' Magazine July/August 2007* |

1. Write key words from the quotes that resonate most with you and your vision for your play therapy room and philosophy.
2. Try to formulate a purpose statement for the play space you are creating. Keep it short one or two sentences. Make sure it aligns with your vision and goals.