

Block Play

During your child's time in Block Play, he/she will be working on developing the concepts listed below. Block Play is not just "playing with blocks", but more an *opportunity* for your child to develop in the many areas.

Here at school, when the children are playing in the block area, they are:

- learning how to work with other children
- learning how to cooperate with others
 - making friends
- encouraged to make conversation to promote language development
- applying math concepts (height, weight, colors, triangles, squares, rectangles)

What you can do at Home:

- Take walks in your neighborhood to look at different buildings, roads, etc.
- Provide your child with various blocks (colored wooden cubes, cardboard brick blocks, table blocks)
 - Make your own blocks with shoe boxes, milk cartons, etc.
- Incorporate various props, such as plastic animals, cars & trucks, rocks, etc.
 - Ask your child open ended questions, such as:
Tell me about what you are building?
What do you think would happen if.....?