



THE BENEFITS OF BLOCK PLAY

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Touching On Our Roots

Frank Lloyd Wright quote from his autobiography:

"Mother found the 'Gifts.' And gifts they were. Along with the gifts was the system...I sat at the little Kindergarten tabletop...and played...with the cube, the sphere, and the triangle---these were smooth maple wood blocks. . . All are in my fingers to this day....I soon became susceptible to constructive pattern evolving in everything I saw. I learned to 'see' this way and when I did, I did not care to draw casual incidentals of nature. I wanted to design."

The Need For Open Ended - Creative Outlets

Benefits of Block Play

Cognitive Development

Language and Literacy Development

Social Development

Emotional Development

Motor Development

Environment Elements For Ideal Block Exploration

The Teachers Role

Seven Stages of Block Play

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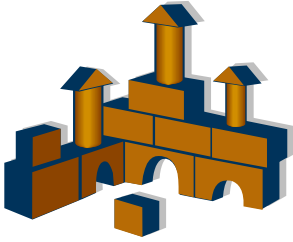
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Variety of Blocks Available

Unit Blocks

Hollow Blocks

Cardboard Bricks

Alphabet (cubed) Blocks

Table Top Blocks- solid & transparent

Colored Window Blocks

Bamboo Blocks

Castle Blocks

Tree Blocks

Bristle Blocks

Cubes with magnets

Cubes with Velcro

Blocks filled with colored sand

Blocks filled with colored beads

Blocks filled with colored water

Mirror Blocks

Textured Blocks

Vinyl Blocks

Rubber Blocks

Cut Noodles

Cut sponges

Paper towel & tp tubes

Pipe cleaners and straws

Magnatiles

3-D Magnetic Builders

Lincoln Logs

Nesting Rainbow Arches

Legos/Duplo (can be used with ohp or visa vie pens)

Waffle Blocks

Open Blocks

Arches

Fabric Blocks

Activities With Blocks

Enriching the Environment: Accessory Ideas

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