

Seed to Sprout

P R E S C H O O L

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH

Spring weather is on the horizon! Send your child in layers so that they have options to keep them comfortable as the temperature fluctuates.

In April we will be learning the story of The Frog Prince.



IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st
Summer Camp Registration Opens

April 26th
Enrichment Friday

SUMMER CAMP

Join us for Summer Camp! See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

AFFIRMATIONS



I Trust in Myself

I Am Valuable



RECYLABLES

Please collect the following recyclable items this month:

Fabric Scraps



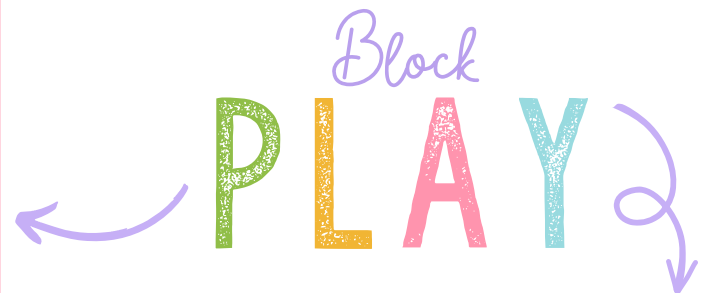
WHY PLAY??

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF DEVELOPMENT

Block play is when children use building blocks of various shapes, sizes, and materials to construct structures, create patterns, or simply explore.

SUPPORTS SPATIAL SKILLS

Figuring out how blocks fit together and creating 2D and 3D designs helps children visualize shapes, sizes, and spatial relationships - abilities linked to math and science achievement later on.



STRENGTHENS EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

The trial and error, planning and problem-solving involved in block play exercises skills like working memory, focused attention, and cognitive flexibility.

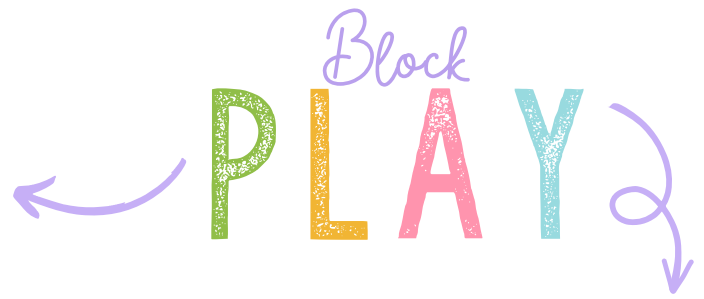
BOOSTS DEVELOPMENT OF CONCEPTS

Block structures like bridges, tunnels and enclosures help children grasp abstract concepts like support, balance, stability, and enclosure.



PROMOTES CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION

Through block play children often engage in make-believe situations, enriching their storytelling capabilities and stimulating imaginative thinking.



ENCOURAGES TURN-TAKING AND COOPERATION

Building projects with others teaches social skills like sharing, negotiation, and compromise from a young age.



Block play is a pivotal activity fostering cognitive and social enhancement. Every moment your child spends engrossed in their block creations, they're also building critical skills for their future.

"THE FUN IS IN ALWAYS BUILDING SOMETHING. AFTER IT'S BUILT, YOU PLAY WITH IT AWHILE AND THEN YOU'RE THROUGH. YOU SEE, WE NEVER DO THE SAME THING TWICE AROUND HERE. WE'RE ALWAYS OPENING UP NEW DOORS"

WALT DISNEY

References: Hanline, M. F., Milton, S., & Phelps, P. C. (2010). The relationship between preschool block play and reading and math abilities in early elementary school: A longitudinal study of children with and without disabilities. *Early Child Development and Care*, 180(8). Jirout, J., & Newcombe, N. S. (2015). Building blocks for developing spatial skills: Evidence from a large, representative US sample. *Psychological Science*, 26(3), 302-310.





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JOIN US FOR 4 FUN-FILLED DAYS

Creative
Play

Arts
&
Crafts

Group
Games

Music
&
Movement

Healthy
Snacks

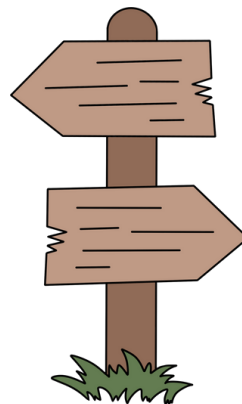


**JUNE
SESSION**

JUNE 17-20

**JULY
SESSION**

JULY 8-11



REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW

\$75/SESSION

SIBLINGS RECEIVE A \$5 DISCOUNT

SUMMER CAMPS WILL BE HELD

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 AM-11:30 AM