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**Block City**

What are you able to build with your blocks? Castles and palaces, temples and docks. Rain may keep raining, and others go roam, But I can be happy and building at home.

Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet be sea,  
There I’ll establish a city for me:  
A kirk and a mill and a palace beside,  
And a harbor as well where my vessels may ride.

Great is the palace with pillar and wall,  
A sort of tower on top of it all,  
And steps coming down in an orderly way  
To where my toy vessels lie safe in the bay.

This one is sailing and that one is moored:  
Hark to the song of the sailors on board!  
And see on the steps of my palace, the kings  
Coming and going with presents and things!

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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Ready, Set...Schlow!
Block Play supports your child’s development in these areas:

Social/Emotional Development: During Block Play, children must negotiate with others for items they want to use, work together to create large projects and exchange ideas with one another. For example, if a child wants to build a castle, that child’s idea of how to build the castle may differ from another child, which encourages children to expand their knowledge and learn to accept and respect the viewpoints of others.

Physical Development: Carrying and placing blocks helps a small child’s muscles to develop. Hand-eye coordination improves while balancing blocks so they don’t fall down.

Cognitive Development: Children develop mental pictures of the world around them. In block play, children have the opportunity to recreate these pictures, which promotes abstract thinking. Block play also helps children to learn about sizes, shapes, numbers, item order, and weight as they pick up the blocks, use them to build, and put them away again. The ability to recognize shapes is a stepping stone toward letter recognition and learning how to read.

Language Development: Children love to talk about what they are building. Adults can help children improve vocabulary by using new words to describe what they’re doing and develop writing skills by helping them making signs for their streets and buildings.

How Can I Help My Child Get the Most Out of Block Play?

Your involvement in the activity is what makes block play meaningful. Here are some things you can do during this time:

- **Ask open-ended questions, such as:**
  - What would happen if...
  - What else could you try...
  - What is another way to...
  - How could you change...
  - I noticed...
  - Tell me about...
  - How would you...
  - How is _____ and _____ the same? Or different?
  - How can you use ______ differently?
  - How did you...

- **Encourage dramatic play by adding items like:**
  - hard hats
  - empty food containers
  - steering wheels
  - small animals, people, and vehicles
  - doll house furniture
  - fabric
  - rugs
  - buckets or baskets