Get ready for school—
*Play with Blocks!*

**Block Play builds:**
- Math Skills
- Science Skills
- Literacy & Language Skills
- Social Skills
- Technology Skills
- Creativity

**Free block play!**
Allow plenty of time for playing with blocks. Ask your child to tell you about their construction. Take a photo of it, or sketch it for your child.

**Build a Tower**
On a flat surface, build a tower of blocks with your child as tall as you can.
- How high can you build it before it falls?
- What sort of blocks work best for stacking?

**Your Neighborhood**
Take a walk in your neighborhood.
- Talk with your child about what you saw.
- Build your neighborhood using blocks.

**Block Dominos**
On a flat surface, build a line of blocks close together, one after the other. Knock down the last block triggering all the blocks to fall down.
- Did it work?
- Why or why not?
- What could you change to make it work better?

**Sorting**
Encourage your child to sort all the blocks:
- By color
- By shape

**Make a Block Chute!**
Using a wrapping paper or paper towel tube, hold it on an angle for your child and let them practice dropping small blocks through the tube.
- What happens to the blocks?
- Which blocks move through the tube the fastest?
- What else could you put through the tube?

Sample questions to ask during block play:
- I wonder if there is another way to build a bridge with those blocks?
- How many more blocks do you think you will need to finish that fence?
- Do you think we have enough blocks to build a road all the way to the door?
- How is this tower like that building?
- What do you think would happen if we put a round block on the top of the tower?
- How will we know which building is the store?
- You’ve built a zoo! (Town, farm, mall etc.) Tell a story about your zoo and I’ll write it down for you.
- We’ve used all the square blocks. Is there another shape we can use instead?
- How many blocks have you used so far? Let’s count them together.
- What’s the name of this shape? And this one?