Dear Families,

We are participating in a fun partnership with the Pierce County Library System. Once per month, your child will be visiting the public library for a session of playing with wooden unit blocks.

Open-ended block play helps children learn many important skills:

**Mathematical concepts** such as:
* Shape
* Size
* Measuring, Area
* Weight, Length, Height, Depth
* Math Words (over, under, beside, through etc.)

As children build with blocks, they practice important **school readiness skills:**
* Problem Solving
* Cooperation
* Planning
* Prediction

When children build structures with other children, they practice:
* Sharing
* Working together
* Making Friends

When we talk with children about what they are building, we help them develop their **vocabulary and language skills.**

**What you can do at home:**

- Play together and talk about what you are doing/building.
- Help your child make discoveries. Let their structures tumble then wonder together about what happened.
- When you are outside, point out interesting buildings and structures. Wonder how you might recreate them using blocks.
- Add interesting items to your child’s block play at home like: boxes, toy vehicles, toy animals, fabric, sticks, rocks, plants, and shells.
- Create a box for all your child’s block materials and encourage them to make a label for the box.

Have fun playing together!