

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.



As a part of this project, the library is giving you a set of blocks to play with at home. These are yours to keep!

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!