



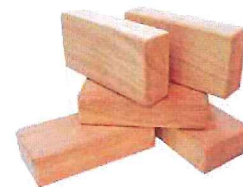
Block Play

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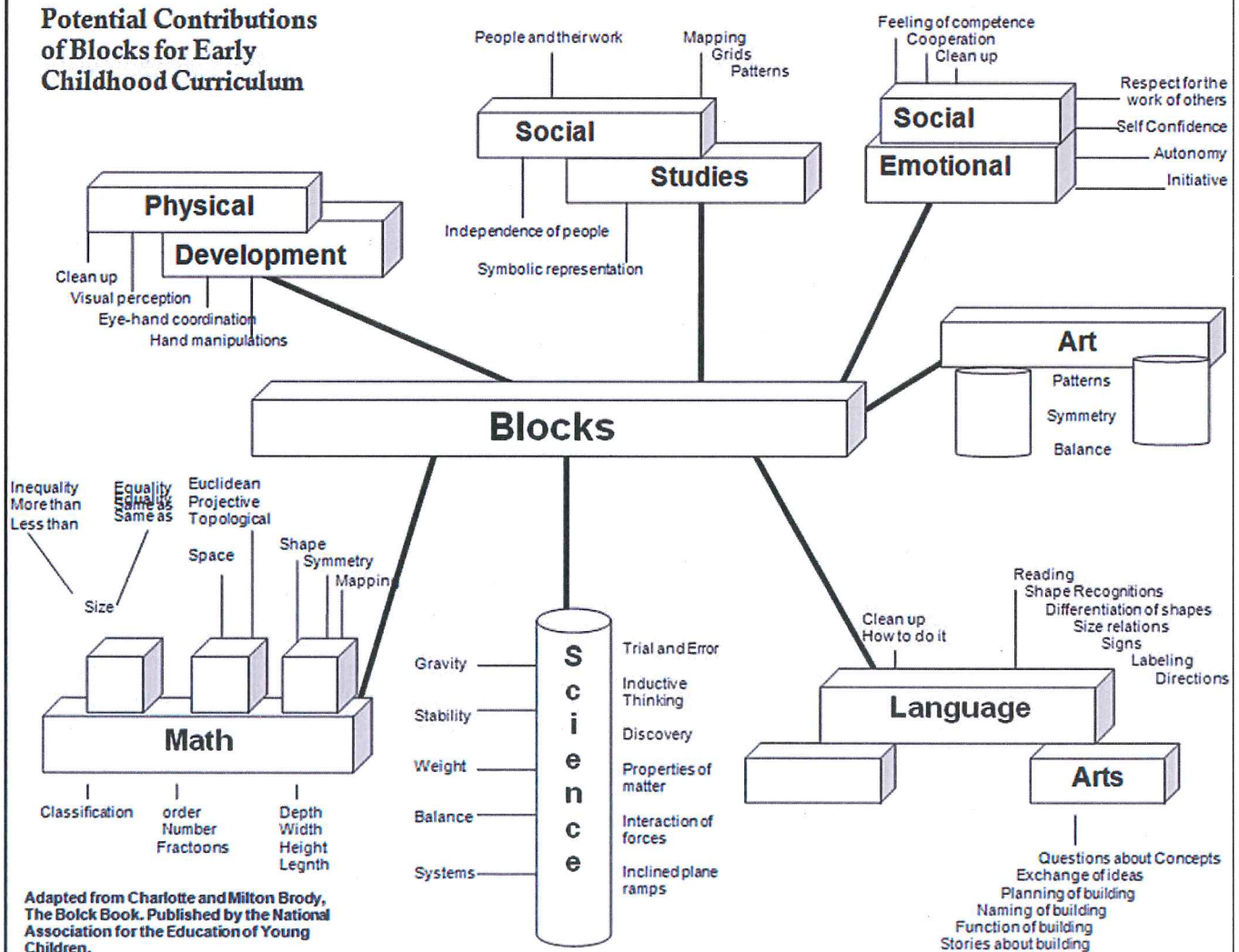
7 Stages of Block Play

1. Carrying blocks
2. Stacking – both vertical and horizontal
3. Bridging
4. Enclosures
5. Patterns and Symetry
6. Early Representational
7. Later Representational

Children move through these stages in this order. But once each stage is mastered, they will move backward and forward through them.



Potential Contributions of Blocks for Early Childhood Curriculum



Adapted from Charlotte and Milton Brody, The Block Book. Published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Picture Books for Block Storytimes

Homes in Many Cultures Heather Adamson
A Day at the Market by Sara Anderson
The Magic Toolbox by Mie Araki
Building a House by Byron Barton
My Car by Byron Barton
The Three Bears by Byron Barton
Bear About Town by Stella Blackstone
Ship Shapes by Stella Blackstone
Freight Train by Donald Crews
The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds
Color Farm by Lois Ehlert
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
Shape Capers by Cathryn Falwell
Easy Street by Rita Gray
Perfect Square by Michael Hall
Amazing Buildings by Kate Hayden
La Granja/The Farm by B. A. Hoena
Changes, Changes by Pat Hutchins
Say Hello by Rachel Isadora
Chugga-Chugga Choo Choo by Kevin Lewis
Froggy Builds a Tree House by Jonathan London
I'm a Truck Driver by Jonathan London
Building a House by Joann Early Macken
Too Tall Houses by Gianna Marino
City Patterns by Nathan Olson
I Must Have Bobo by Eileen Rosenthal
Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop
by Lisa Shulman
Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson
I Love Trains by Philemon Sturges
Raise the Roof by Anastasia Suen
Round is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong
Albert's Alphabet by Leslie Tryon
Backseat A-B-See by Maria van Lieshout
Truck Driver Tom by Monica Wellington
Fireman Small by Wong Herbert Yee

Block Play Resources

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Heroman, Cate et al. 2010. *The Creative Curriculum for Preschool*, 5th Edition. Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies.

Hirsch, E. S. ed. 1996. *The Block Book*. 3rd ed. Washington, DC: NAEYC.

Pratt, Carolina. 1948c. *I Learn from Children: An Adventure in Progressive Education*. New York: Perennial Library.

Wellhausen, Karyn. 2001. *A Constructivist Approach to Block Play in Early Childhood*. Albany, NY: Delmar.

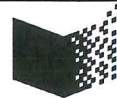
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Website Resources:

Blocks as a Tool for Learning: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
<http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/Hewitt0101.pdf>

Early Math Skills: Building Blocks for the Future
<http://www.blockfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/RB.WhitePaper.EarlyMathSkills.2008s.pdf>

Toy Blocks and Construction Toys: A Guide for the Science Minded Parent
<http://www.parentingscience.com/toy-blocks.html>



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