



Playing With Blocks

Do you remember playing with blocks when you were a child? Do you remember the pure joy of building a tall structure only to walk through it? Well, children still like to play with blocks. Block play allows your children to use number and math skills in a real way. Block play also gives your children another opportunity to improve their storytelling abilities. When your children are playing with blocks, ask them what they're building and what's happening. Most of the time children have a story to go along with their block play. They could be building NASA's Moon Base or they could be building a horse ranch. Block play isn't just for boys. Girls want to be good block builders too! Block play can provide a chance for boys and girls to work together, share in planning, building and evaluating their structures. Parents, you can play along with your children. Design mega structures or build something simple. Talk with your children as you build. You can also follow their lead. Not all blocks are expensive to purchase. The best blocks to play with can be your empty cereal boxes, shoe boxes or any other boxes in your household. Have your children decorate their blocks made from boxes and have fun!