



Using Blocks in the Early Learning Setting Assignment 5 Continued

Complete the following chart: (use reverse for additional space as needed)

Stage of Block Play	Ages	Characteristics in your own words.



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Parent Education

It is important for parents to understand what children are learning in the block area of your program. Follow the steps below to complete this assignment.

1. Make copies of the article, “Block Play, Building a Child’s Mind,” for each parent in your program. Point out to them you would like them to pay special attention to the section that explains what children are learning in through block play, socially, physically, intellectually, and creatively. Explain that although some of the information is specifically designed for teachers, you would like them to understand what the children are learning.
2. Record the names of the parents who received your information and any comments they had. You may need to ask for the comments over the next day or two to give them a chance to read it.
3. Ask them if the child has an opportunity to play with blocks at home. If so, what type of blocks do they seem to enjoy playing with the most?

