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The Be READY Rover Review

November's Storytime theme: **BLOCK PARTY!**

GREAT NEWS!

The Be READY Rover was awarded the Block Party Grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries of Pennsylvania! We have received 318 hardwood unit blocks in 25 different shapes, sets of dinosaurs, wild animals, forest animals, farm animals, and ocean animals, 7 sets of block play people—Hispanic, Black, White, Asian, Native American, differing abilities and community people— activity scarves, a tub of cars and trucks, and a set of hardwood community vehicles ; in all, **\$1400** worth of materials!

In accordance with the grant requirements, this month the children will be given an hour-long play session with these materials...a fun time for all!

The grant states; "Young children learn best when they are able to construct knowledge through meaningful play. With the materials provided, children will build and experiment, talk about what they are building and build vocabulary; all activities that will help children achieve the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for early childhood in not only STEM areas, but also in language and literacy development, physical development, and social and emotional development."

MORE IDEAS for BLOCK PARTY!

Build Vocabulary: While children are playing with blocks, cars and/or animal and people figures, ask open -ended questions; "Tell me about what you are doing." When they reply ask questions to help them further describe what they are doing, and to expand on what they tell you.

Foster Creativity: Let children play with several groups of toys at a time; for example, combining blocks with other building toys and animals and people leads to more creative and imaginative play.

Provide different materials and objects for building to spur more creativity, such as paper towel tubes, boxes, plastic containers, jar lids, mailing tubes, twigs and branches, etc. ("Loose parts." Check for choking hazards, of course.) To find **lots** of unusual materials at very cheap prices, visit **Creative Reuse**, at 1865 E Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster, PA 17602 ,(717) 617-2977. (Call ahead, or check their schedule online; they have shortened hours some days).

If there are certain kinds of books or materials you would like me to bring out to you, just call me at : 717-207-0500 ext. 1201, or email : mbenson@lancasterlibraries.org

FALL CRAFTS



Collect leaves with the children; attach them to paper with rolled-up tape . Let the children paint over them, then peel off the leaves.



Let the children paint the paper plates brown. Glue together, then cut feather shapes from construction paper and glue on. Let children crumple tissue paper pieces in the tail feather colors, then dip in glue to apply to the matching tails. Let children glue on features with glue sticks.

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