**BLOCKS**

**During BLOCKS we can encourage:**

Functional Play

Creating and Identifying Patterns

Sharing

 Experimenting with Height and Balance Counting Designing and testing Ideas

Cooperation

Leaning to respect others work

**During BLOCK and Structure Play we can remember:**

Teachers can help children organize and express their ideas

Encourage experimentation

Introduce materials from other interest areas (toys, study related ideas)

This is a great time to practice problem solving and perseverance.

**Skill Areas:**

Encourage exploration with patterns, relationships, and designs

Promote the use of block structures as settings for dramatic play

Promote scientific exploration by providing a variety of materials including balance scales, natural items, mirrors, plastic or wooden animals