

## BLOCK AREA

*When a child works in the Block Area, he/she:*

- ↳ learns to use imagination to create something from his/her own thinking.
- ↳ has the satisfaction of being able to make something.
- ↳ learns about sizes and shapes, weights and balances, height and depth, smoothness, roughness and volume.
- ↳ is exercising his/her body.
- ↳ may be learning to play with others.
- ↳ learns to communicate ideas through language when discussing similarities and differences.
- ↳ learns to solve problems and make decisions.
- ↳ creates patterns when building.
- ↳ represents personal experiences through role play and pretending.

*You can help as a volunteer by:*

- ↳ building with the children and talking with them about that what you are building together.
- ↳ watching the children and what they are creating.
- ↳ showing the children how to build as high as their shoulders.
- ↳ demonstrating the correct way to ask someone to share a block that you need in your building.
- ↳ reminding, showing and helping the children put away at clean-up time. Each block has its own place to be stored.
- ↳ counting blocks with the children.
- ↳ comparing size and shapes of different blocks.

