

STAGES OF BLOCK BUILDING

CARRYING

- Very young child
- Blocks are not used for construction

BUILDING ROWS

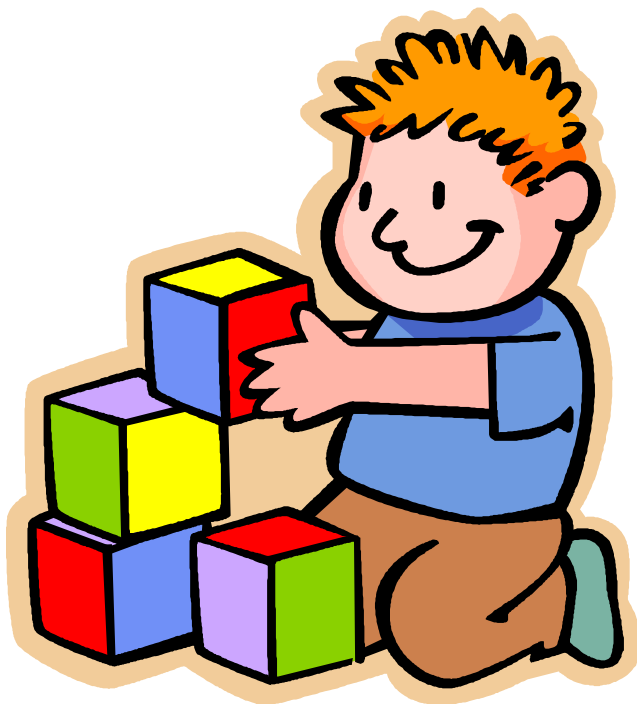
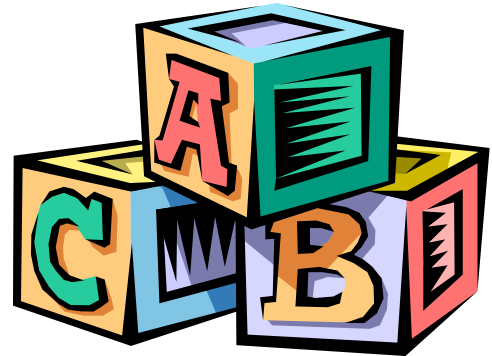
- Horizontal rows
- Vertical stacks
- Much repetition

BRIDGING

- Connecting two blocks with a third block
- Earliest technical building

ENCLOSURES

- Place blocks to enclose a space
- Earliest technical building
- Skill develops quickly after exposure



DECORATIVE PATTERNS

- Symmetrical designs
- Structures are not usually named

MULTI-LEVEL BUILDING

- Several different enclosures may be joined together
- Blocks used to form multi-level structures

NAMING and USING FOR PLAY

- Give names to structures related to form
- Buildings resemble actual structures
- Addition of props; used in dramatic play