CD: “Bling Blang” from Singing All the Way Home by Liz Buchanan

Nursery Rhyme: London Bridge Is Falling Down

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

Construction Workers
(tune “Mulberry Bush”)
This is the way we saw the wood,
(sawing motion)
saw the wood, saw the wood.
This is the way we saw the wood.
Sawing, sawing, sawing.

This is the way we hammer the nails,
(hammering motion)
hammer the nails, hammer the nails.
This is the way we hammer the nails.
Nailing, nailing, nailing.

This is the way we paint the house,
(brushing motion)
paint the house, paint the house.
This is the way we paint the house.
Painting, painting, painting.

Dump Truck Song
(tune: “One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians”)
Bumpity-bumpity comes the dump truck,
(bump up and down)
Bumpity-bumpity comes the dump truck,
Bumpity-bumpity comes the dump truck,
Duuuuuump out the load!
(bend over sideways)
Repeat song very fast,
then very slowly.

In and Out the Doors
(tune: “Fly In and Out the Window”)
Step in and out the front door.
(step forward, then back)
Step in and out the front door.
Step in and out the front door.
Then make a doorbell sound.
(“ding dong”)

Jump in and out the back door.
(jump forward, then back)
Jump in and out the back door.
Jump in and out the back door.
Bend down and touch the ground.
(touch ground with hand)

Slide in and out the side door.
(slide from side to side)
Slide in and out the side door.
Slide in and out the side door.
And then all turn around.
(turn around)

Step in and out the front door.
Jump in and out the back door.
Slide in and out the side door.
And then we all sit down.
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Activity Ideas:

**Shredded Paper Sensory Construction Site:** Fill a sensory tub (or plastic kiddie pool) with shredded, recycled paper. Add toy construction vehicles, and then encourage the children to push, scoop, and dump the shreds with their vehicles. To make this a letter recognition activity, hide foam or magnetic letters in the shreds.

**Blocks and Mortar Snack:** Practice building skills using edibles! Instruct the children that during construction, a solid substance (building blocks) are held together by a sticky substance (mortar), and then provide the materials for them to build their own snack.


Book of the Month:

*Creative Block Play: A Comprehensive Guide to Learning Through Building* by Rosanne Regan Hansel

Blocks are a timeless toy. They never stop challenging, stimulating, and engaging young children. Open ended and play based, blocks are essential to every child’s creative, social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development. In addition, they nurture in young children important 21st-century skills such as initiative, persistence, critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration. Use *Creative Block Play* to:

- Impact children’s learning across the curriculum
- Set up an inviting space for block play
- Inspire and extend children’s block creations
- Support and encourage children’s block play and deepen their engagement

Road to Reading Tip:

It has been a fun-filled year sharing story time with the children in daycare! Continue to nurture your child’s love of books and visit your library often ~ our Summer Reading Challenge is popular with all ages! For pre-readers, we offer *Read to Me, Please!*. Parents, grandparents, siblings and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child is awarded a certificate and other surprises! Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library to sign up for the *Summer Reading Program—Build A Better World*—beginning June 19.