

Construction Area



Joey began using the big blocks to build a control tower at the airport. "This is my control tower" Joey commented. He explained that the control tower guides the planes and watches over them t keep them safe while they are flying. As he finished his control tower, Joey took black paper, folded it in half and cut down the middle to make 2 strips, he lined these up next to the control tower. "This is my runway". Once again Joey took some black paper to make his runway and lined it up around his control tower. Joey found some "planes" from the box and made an airport. "Just like I saw with daddy" Joey commented.

Benefits of Construction Area

Enables children to learn visual spatial awareness.

Social development increases while interacting and working with others.

Children begin to solve problems and develop problem solving skills while constructing.

Enables children to co-operate with one another

Awareness of common shapes and attributions.

Enhanced vocabularies as children begin to describe their idea of what they are making.



Linking To The Framework



- Children Have a Strong Sense of Identity
- Children are Connected and Contribute to their World
- Children Have a Strong Sense of Well Being
- Children are Confident and Involved Learners
- Children are Effective Communicators



Principles

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships
- High Expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practices

Practices

- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching
- Learning environments
- Cultural competence
- Continuity of learning and transition
- Assessment for learning