## **Benefits Of Block Play**

Blocks are open-ended play materials; there is no right or wrong way to build with them.



- Enables children to share and co-operate with others.
- Facilitates development in spatial and mathematical realms, by helping children learn to understand concepts of length height weight and area.
- Forces children to predict cause and affect relationships (seeing how high they can build before the blocks fall).
  - Involves solving problems related to construction (building a bridge).
- Leads children to make use of physical principles (making towers of blocks for balance, creating supported bridges).
  - Involves children in making a sequence.
- Involves classifying and sorting objects by size, shape and function (placing blocks of the same size together).
- Leads children to utilize emergent reading and writing skills (making signs for building).
- Provides children to demonstrate pride in accomplishments and develop a positive self confidence.