

June 22nd Circle Time Activities

1. [Click here to watch today's circle time video](#)

2. Choose an activity to do with your child (click on the link)

- [Golden Gate Bridge and Bay Bridge coloring pages](#)
- View some train and bridge footage with your child [here](#). I love train footage on YouTube because it is engaging for young children and offers lots of language opportunities. Consider some of these questions and observations while you watch it with you child:

“I see the train going *under* a bridge”

“Wow, that train is going *into* a mountain!”

“Is that train going slow or fast?”

“I spy something red on that train!”

“That bridge is going *over* water!”

You'd be surprised how language rich watching a footage video on YouTube can be!

- YouTube read aloud of [*Here to There and You and Me*](#), spoken English only
- [Make your own animal bridge crossing experiment!](#)

3. [Click here to watch Isabel's goodbye circle](#)

Speech and Language Activities from Carol

Dear Families,

What a fun theme the teachers have thought up for this week.... learning about building things!! What's a better way to build things than with blocks?!! You can talk about SO much while constructing things with blocks such as prepositions (in, on, under, on top, behind, next to). You can talk about words such as: tall, short, wobbly, high, low, long, just to name a few! You can talk about the blocks falling down and going back up up up! And don't forget to count the blocks too:)

I can't wait to see teacher Isabel build a bridge and watching the trains go over, under and through the bridges and tunnels!! Can you and your child build a road or a bridge for their trains and cars? Will the trains go "fast" or "slow"?!! And which train will go the "fastest"? So many words to point out and model for your child.

I found this article about the how to incorporate various cognitive skills as well as speech and language concepts into the simple activity of playing with blocks. And as the article points out, you don't need to use wooden blocks! You can use cardboard and even upper ware containers! Enjoy building and creating with your child!!

Here is the link: <https://www.tandemspeechtherapy.com/2017/11/09/playing-with-purpose-blocks/>

Happy building everyone!!! And don't forget how fun it is for children to "build" a fort!! Throw a blanket over a table, bring in some cozy pillows and have book time or a picnic in the fort!! Fort building was definitely a highlight of my childhood!

Warmest of summer time wishes to you all!

Carol Lettko, Your friendly speech and language therapist