



read! build!
play!

Summer Reading
Activity Guide 2013
FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-3



“HI PARENTS!”

Summer is approaching quickly and with it comes endless hours of play, relaxing—and reading. The Association of Library Service to Children, the national authority on childhood literacy, has developed a Summer Reading List for children under five years of age. Featuring 10 highlighted books—five each for ages one to three and ages three to five—the 2013 LEGO® DUPLO Read, Build, Play Summer Reading List adds playful interactions to help smooth the way to early literacy.

This Read, Build, Play @ Home toolkit is designed to show you how to combine reading, building and play to help your child develop her early literacy skills. By adding the elements of building and play during your family story sharing time, you can heighten your child’s level of engagement while encouraging her to use her creativity, imagination, dexterity and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.



Did you know?

LEGO DUPLO bricks are exactly twice the size of traditional LEGO bricks. Yep, it turns out smaller fingers are better suited to bigger blocks.

Ready to play?

The LEGO DUPLO Large Brick Box (#5506) is packed with great play starters and special elements to inspire building. All of the building instructions and activities suggested in this guide can be completed with this set.



Five Fun Facts!



Play is a timeless feature of human societies, and when combined with 21st century learning it provides children and adults with opportunities to experiment with their surroundings as a form of problem solving.



Through play, children explore and develop their multiple senses, which creates more brain synapses. This in turn contributes to a child's overall intelligence.



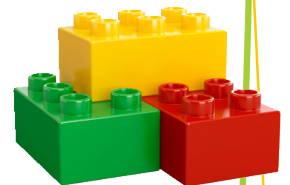
While playing, children can stretch and bend reality. All rules can be broken and all kinds of new rules can be invented.



When children play with adults, it creates a stronger bond between them.



Play has a direct link to early literacy experiences.

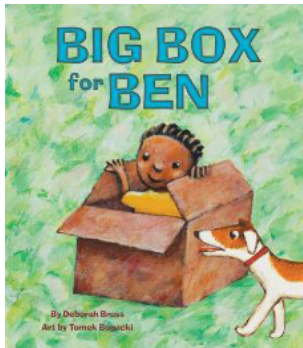




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2013 Summer Reading List

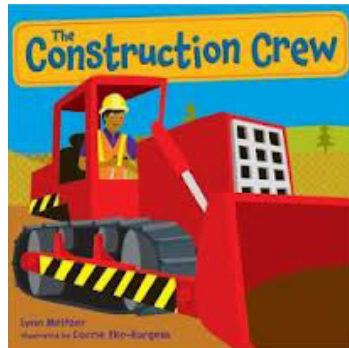
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Big Box for Ben

by Deborah Bruss
Illustrated by Tomek Bogacki
Published by Star Bright Books,
2011, ISBN: 978-1595722652

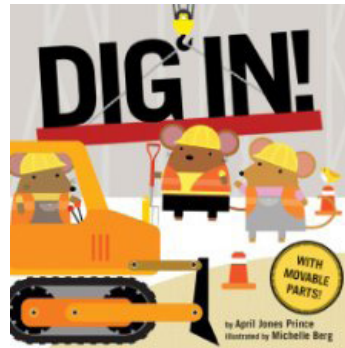
An old carton is the scene of many adventures for Ben and his dog Wags as his imagination turns the box into a car, a plane, a boat, an elephant and a mountain top. Jet off with Ben and Wags on a daring adventure with an airplane made out of bricks.



The Construction Crew

by Lynn Meltzer
Illustrated by Carrie Eko-Burgess
Published by Henry Holt / Christy Ottaviano Books, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2011, ISBN: 978-0805088847

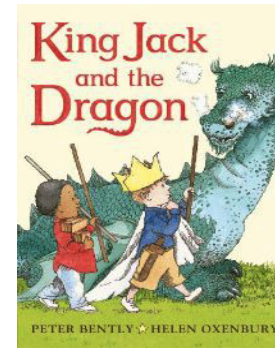
Smash! Bang! Pound! The construction crew is busy at work tearing down an old building and putting up a new house in its place. Grab your construction hat and build a dump truck to help the crew get the job done.



Dig In!

by April Jones Prince
Illustrated by Michelle Berg
Published by Abrams Appleseed, an imprint of ABRAMS, 2013
ISBN: 978-1419705229

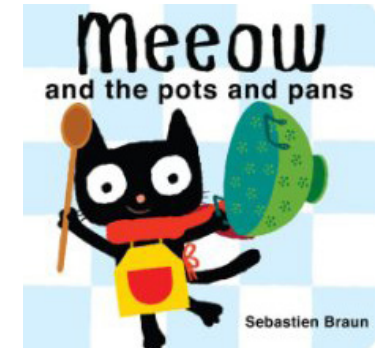
The mice are busy at the construction site, but what could they be working on? Keep guessing all the way to the end of the story to discover the surprise that the mice are building. The mice have been working hard, so can you build them a pizza snack to give them more energy?



King Jack and the Dragon

by Peter Bently
Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
Published by Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of the Penguin Group USA, 2013, ISBN: 978-0803739871

A band of courageous knights Jack, Zack, and Caspar spend a magical day building a castle fort and fighting off ferocious dragons and beasts. At the day's end giants carry away first Sir Zack, then Caspar, leaving King Jack to face the night creatures alone. Build a powerful sword and join Jack as you search for dragons.



Meeow and the Pots and Pans

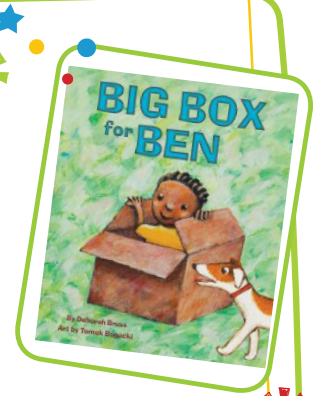
by Sebastian Braun
Illustrated by Sebastian Braun
Published by Boxer Books, an imprint of Sterling Publishing, 2012, ISBN: 978-1907152917

An ordinary kitchen turns into a mighty orchestra as Meeow and his friends discover fun and creative things to do with pots, pans, lids, spoons and more. March along with the musical parade by building one of Meeow's favorite friends, Quack the duck, out of bricks.

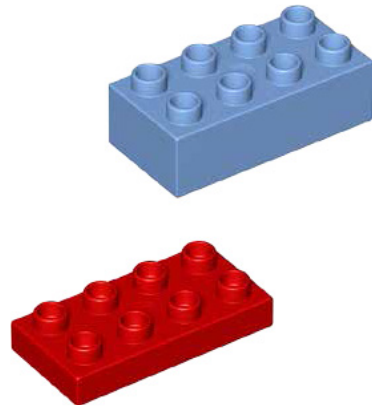


The comprehensive reading list, building instructions and a downloadable parent activity guide can be found at www.readbuildplay.com.

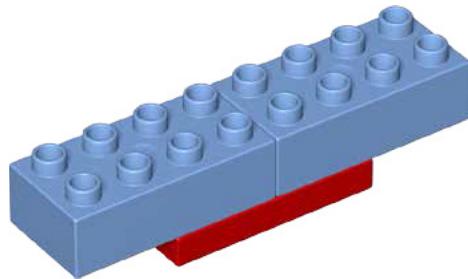
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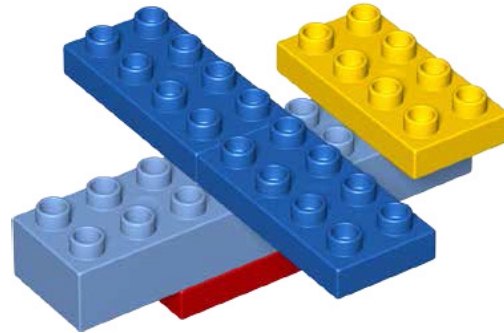
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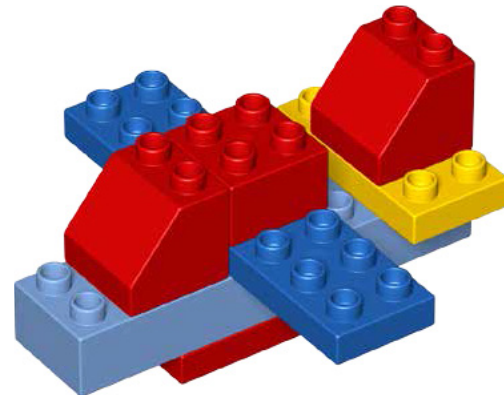
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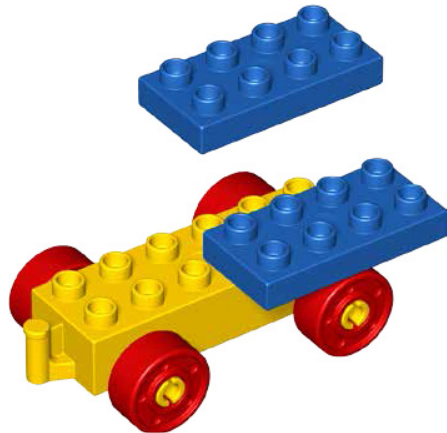


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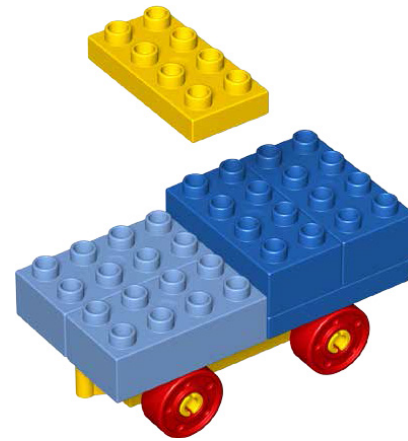


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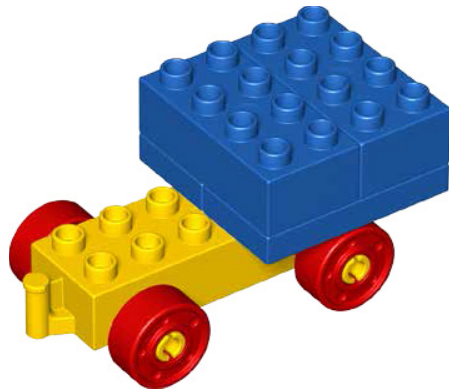
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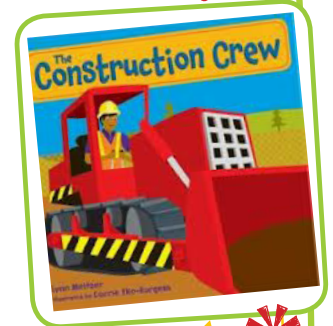
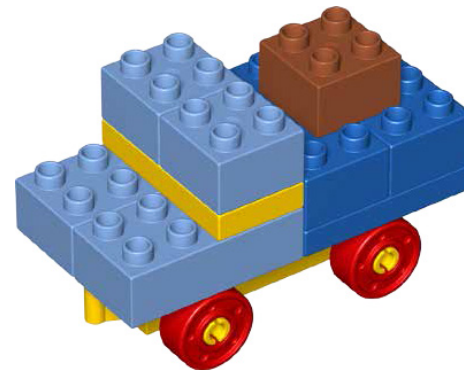
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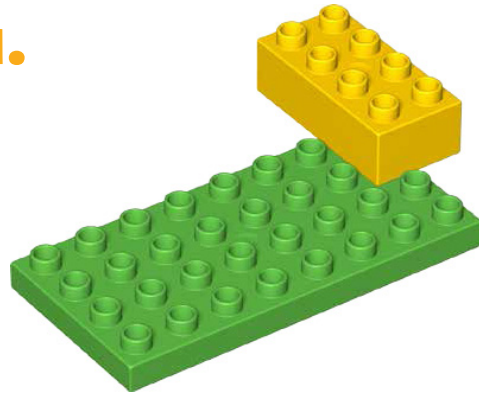
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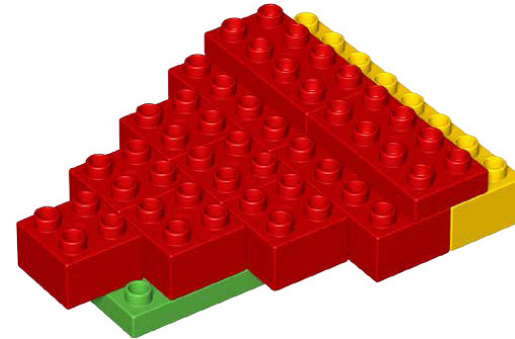
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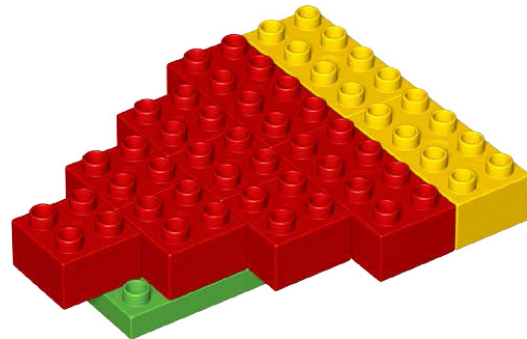
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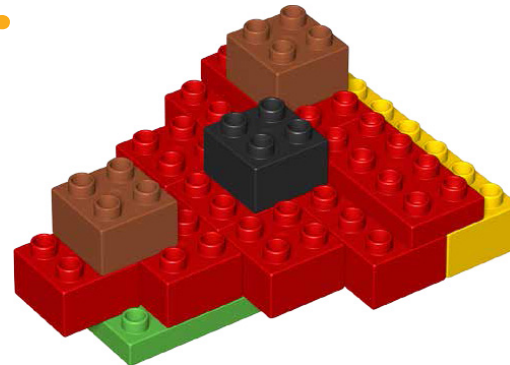
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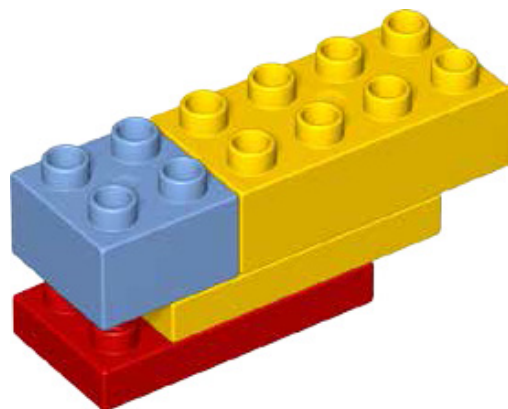


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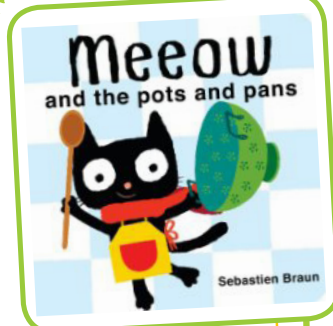
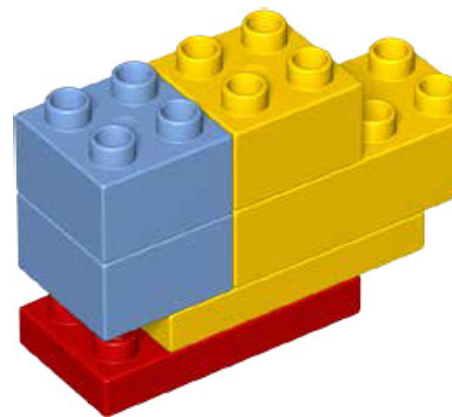
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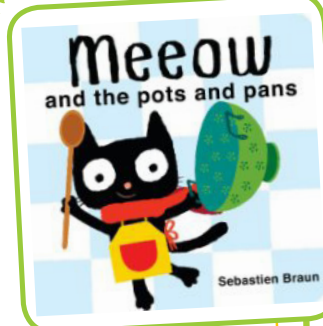
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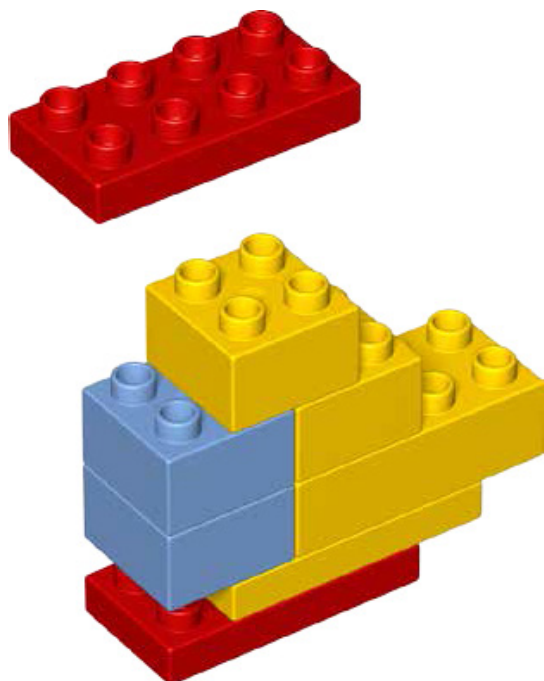
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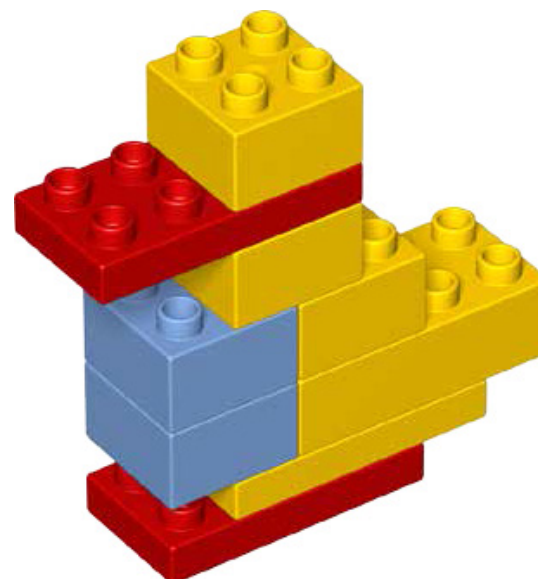
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KING JACK AND THE DRAGON ACTIVITY



- 1. ASK QUESTIONS.** Ask your child, “Where do you think dragons live?”, “What color are dragons?”, “What do dragons eat?”.
- 2. PREPARE FOR PLAY.** Prior to reading ‘King Jack and the Dragon’ place three bricks in front of your child and then place or hide five bricks around the room.
- 3. READ.** Read ‘King Jack and the Dragon’ once all the way through allowing your young listener to explore the story and ask questions.
- 4. READ AGAIN & BUILD.** Next, read the story a second time and then start a hunt around the room to find the hidden “power” bricks. Ready to battle the dragons? Click bricks together to build the ultimate sword of bravery.
- 5. BUILD MORE.** Encourage free time building to personalize the story. Ask your little one to build her own dragon out of DUPLO bricks. Does it have a red head? Five feet? A spiked tail?

Did you know?

Research shows that it's best to let children experience the story uninterrupted by questions the first time through so that they don't lose the flow (and enjoyment) of the story.





Coloring & Activities



