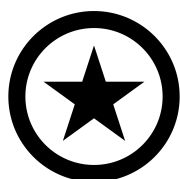


Reflect and Connect: Child Development and Learning Series

Content Area: Mathematics

Read and Take Notes

To begin, read the selected article, *Inspiring Creativity with Blocks in the Early Childhood Classroom*, by Kristin Rydholm. As you read the article, take notes of statements that you agree with, that surprise you, and that you have questions about using the notations in the table below.

I agree with	surprise me	I have questions about
		

Reflect

1. Think about your classroom. What types of blocks do you have? How could you enhance your current block environment, and how would this connect with your curriculum?
2. What content standards could you intentionally embed within the block area? What are examples of conversation starters you could plan for?

Connect

1. Share your notes and reflections through conversation with your team.
2. Based on your reflections, identify an initial change idea to improve your practice. Make a plan for action.
3. What resources do you need to be successful (e.g., materials, specific information, a thought partner)?
4. How will you and/or others recognize that this change was met and led to improvement?
5. Schedule a time to check back in with your team to reflect, and connect!