



TOY & RESOURCE CENTER **BUILDING BLOCKS**

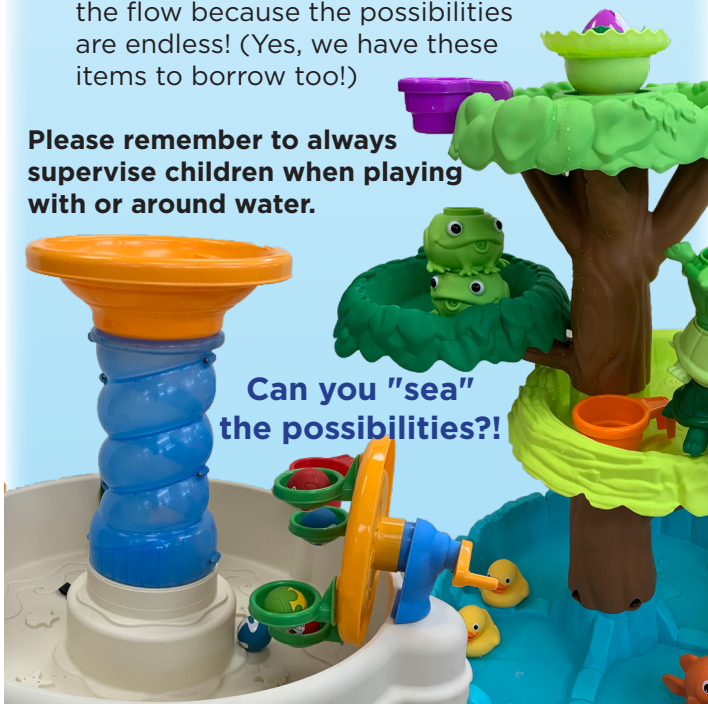
ONE ITEM ONE SITE ONE IDEA

Immerse yourself in some fun-filled water play when you check out a **water table**—we have a few—this item that is “shore” to please the little guppies in your life!

- Use water-related words/concepts to **build vocabulary** (e.g., pour, squirt, squeeze, wet/dry, deep/shallow).
- Enhance **scientific learning** and **cognitive skills** by having kids explore and predict whether items will sink or float! Ask why either happens and let them **think analytically!**
- Toss in sponges, spray bottles, cups, funnels, and turkey basters to support **fine motor development!** Playing with them builds hand muscle strength and eye-hand coordination!
- Wave goodbye to boredom as kids paint with water—then see the sun serve as a magic eraser! Dip clean paintbrushes or small rollers into the water table and draw on the pavement! **Pre-writing skills** and **imagination** will be spilling out as kids draw letters, shapes, or whatever!
- **Stimulate multiple senses** by listening to the splashes, watching the movement of the water, and feeling the wetness!
- Toss in some toy ducks for **counting**—toy fruits and vegetables to wash—just go with the flow because the possibilities are endless! (Yes, we have these items to borrow too!)

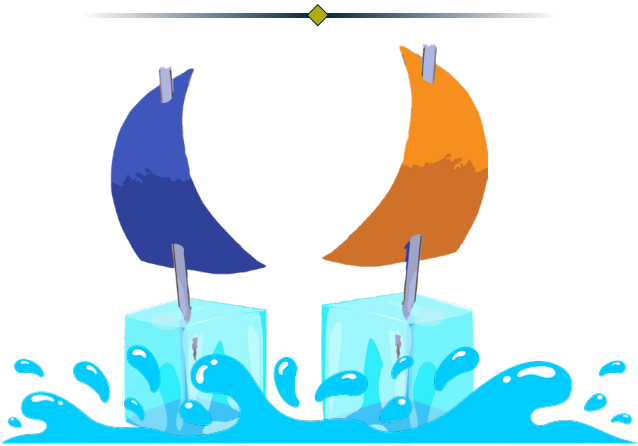
Please remember to always supervise children when playing with or around water.

Can you “sea” the possibilities?!



“Wading” for more sensory stimulating suggestions? Look no further! Check out this great site for 175 Sensory Activity Ideas:

<https://www.thechaosandthec clutter.com/archives/175-sensory-activity-ideas-kids>



Build a boat to float!

There are many ways to make an ice boat with items you have at home. You could use a plastic container, cup or ice cube tray. Here’s one cool idea with just a few items:

ice cube tray	straw
saran wrap or foil	paper
scissors	hole punch

Fill the tray with water. Cover it with saran wrap. Poke a hole in the center of one or two cubes using scissors. Cut the straw into two pieces and place them through the hole and into the water. Freeze. Cut triangle “sails” out of paper and punch one hole at the top and one at the bottom. Once the cubes are frozen, slide the sails on and place them in water. You could also have a race to see whose boat makes it to the finish line first (**social opportunity**).



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