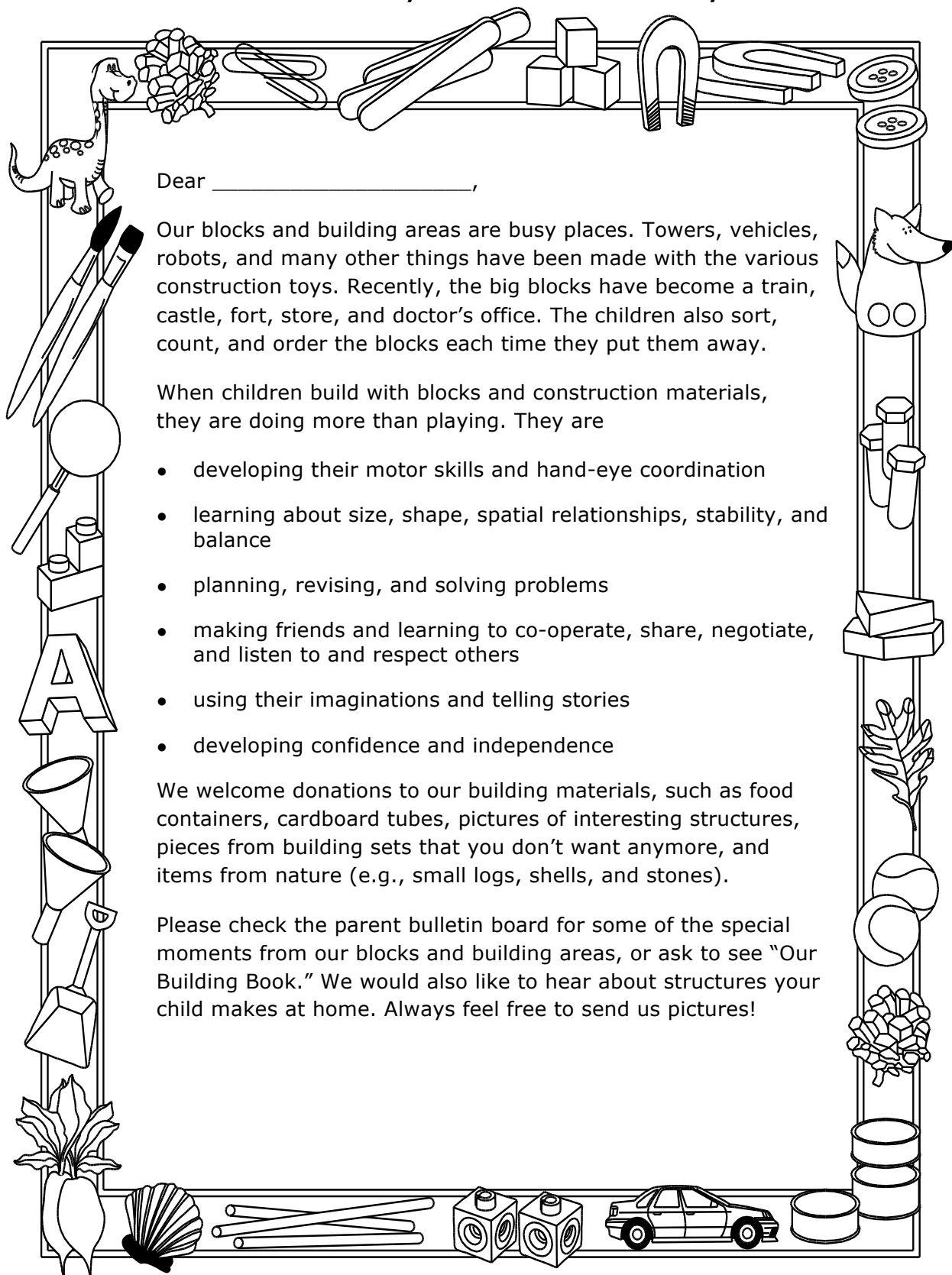


Please feel free to modify this text to make the letter your own.



Dear _____,

Our blocks and building areas are busy places. Towers, vehicles, robots, and many other things have been made with the various construction toys. Recently, the big blocks have become a train, castle, fort, store, and doctor's office. The children also sort, count, and order the blocks each time they put them away.

When children build with blocks and construction materials, they are doing more than playing. They are

- developing their motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- learning about size, shape, spatial relationships, stability, and balance
- planning, revising, and solving problems
- making friends and learning to co-operate, share, negotiate, and listen to and respect others
- using their imaginations and telling stories
- developing confidence and independence

We welcome donations to our building materials, such as food containers, cardboard tubes, pictures of interesting structures, pieces from building sets that you don't want anymore, and items from nature (e.g., small logs, shells, and stones).

Please check the parent bulletin board for some of the special moments from our blocks and building areas, or ask to see "Our Building Book." We would also like to hear about structures your child makes at home. Always feel free to send us pictures!