




Reflect and Connect: Family and Community Partnerships Series

Content Area: Families

Read and Take Notes

To begin, read the selected article, *Q&A: What the Research Tells Us About Block Play and STEM Learning*, written by Susan Friedman and published on the NAEYC Blog in October 2015. 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. How are opportunities for block play present in your classroom? How can you integrate opportunities into your classroom if you are not yet using block play?
2. How can you represent and uplift your families and community through block play opportunities?

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!