

# Playful Hints!



Praise that is specific is powerful- children know you are watching and noticing.

Following are examples of observing and praise:

## *Child with crayons and paper :*

- You chose such a beautiful color
- You sure are energetic!
- Oh look! Wow, lots of color on your paper
- Can we put your art on the refrigerator?

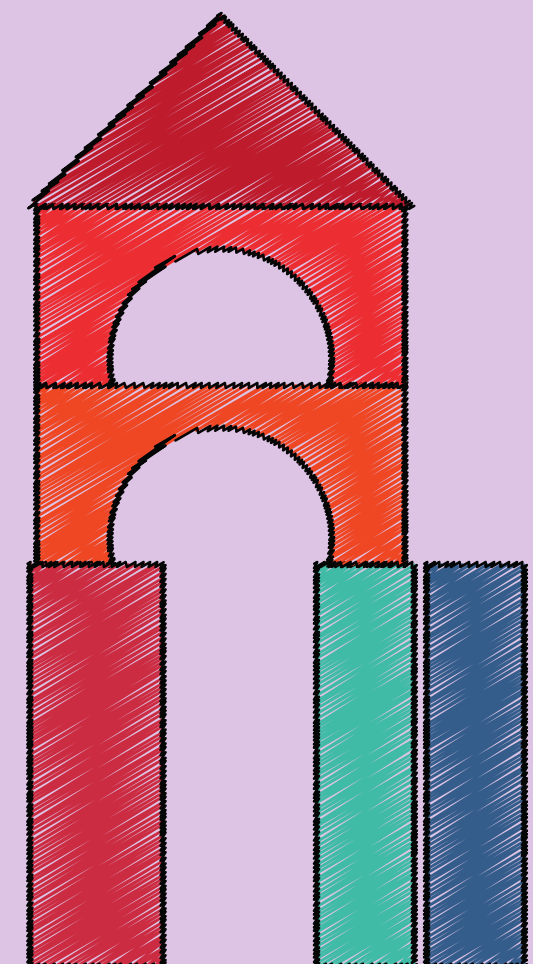


## *Team sports, such as baseball :*

- You had great swings the first inning!
- Great catch out there!
- You really hustled going to second base
- You really focused on catching

## *Board games :*

- When you set up the board, that was so helpful!
- I can see you are using a good strategy!
- It helps me when you move my pawn!
- You are being so fair- you really know the rules!



## *Blocks and building toys :*

- Your structure is so complex. Hard to do, but you did it!
- You had a plan and found the right parts!
- Such a tall tower- you figured it out!
- Can we save your structure so the family can see?

## *Cars :*

- You are crashing cars with a lot of energy!
- What a great road you made. It is so full of curves!
- I like your sounds when you crash cars!
- You're deciding which car will win the race!



## *Dramatic, dance, and music play :*

- Wow! You made a blanket fort and a box stove! You are so resourceful!
- You sure know how to take care of your baby!
- What an exciting costume! You have a big smile when you are dressed up!
- Follow their lead and imitate them in dance and drumming