



## BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY'S HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE 2017

### Games and Toys for 3-4 year olds:

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#### Turn taking, social skills:

Candyland, Chutes N Ladders, Don't Break the Ice, Memory, Zingo, Silly Faces Game

#### Games for fine motor skills:

Sneaky, Snacky Squirrel; Hi-Ho CherryO; Pop Up Pirate; Ice cream Squeeze, Scoop, & Count game, Tricky Trunks, Super Sorting Pie game

#### Language enhancing:

Sequence cards, What's on my Head?, Headbandz, Tell-A-Story cards, Dream Cakes

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**Building toys** – Legos, Magnatiles, blocks, Smartmax, Dino Works Triceratops

### STAFF PICKS:

**Kirsten likes:** The Fairytale Spinner game for story telling

**Cristin likes:** Busytown Eye Found It! For team work

**Rachel likes:** wordless books! *Float & Journey* are 2 faves!

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#### Expressive language, strategy games:

Spot It!, Race to the Roof, Pickles to Penguins, Hiss, The Cupcake Game, Guess Who, Sorry!, What's in Ned's Head?, Race to Space

#### Logic, problem solving games:

Labyrinth Jr, Obstacles, Sherlock, Busy Bridges, Camelot Jr., Race to the Treasure

#### Games/Activities for fine motor skills:

Magnetic Bellz Game, Connect the Dots, Mazes

### Games for 18 mos – 36 mos.

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ThinkFun games – Roll N Play dice game

Animal Pet Hospital

Melissa and Doug Mailbox

Velcro fake food (they love cutting it up!)

Tea party set

Baby dolls; Mr. Potato Head

Steam Train, Dream Train Puzzle –

interchangeable pieces; great for vocab, sentence structure, comprehension.

**SENSORY EXPLORATION!** Sensory play is a great way to expand your child's tolerance of different textures and sensation, while exposing them to new vocabulary!

**Playdoh, Floof, water beads, Slime, Flubber: check out our Pinterest page for ideas!**

#### BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK: TOYS TO GROW WITH:

These toys are appropriate from ~18 months and will last multiple years!

1. Kitchen set
2. Train table
3. Legos
4. Doll house
5. Construction bench
6. Art easel – for outdoor inspiration [www.hearthsong.com](http://www.hearthsong.com) has an inflatable one!

#### NEW FINDS THIS YEAR!

**Connectagons** – fine motor, motor planning, and language all addressed in this fun building set. 4+

**Iota** – problem solving card game for 8+

**Go, Go, Gelato** – problem solving & fine motor game. 5+



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#### Games for fine motor skills:

E-I-E-I-GO! Matching game; Barnyard Bingo

#### Language enhancing:

Magnet scene boards, Raccoon Rumpus, Silly Street

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#### Expressive language, logic, strategy games:

Outfoxed, Gnomes at Night, Space Monster Giant Puzzle Game, Quick Pickle, Word on the Street, The Floor is Lava!, Tangled

#### Toys/Activity Sets: Great for language expansion, imagination, directions:

Build & Imagine sets – magnetic, wooden scenes to connect in various ways to create new scenes and stories

Any “Make-your-own-“kits – they have a kit for everything now: slime, putty, bath bombs, lotion.

**Indoor fun: Fantasy forts** – tired of stacking furniture and old sheets? Fantasy forts (in either faux wood or ice block design) are a fun and easy way to create indoor forts for creative play!

**Sensory boxes** – use old shoe-boxes or under-the-bed boxes to create your own sensory box! Fill in with dried pasta, packing peanuts, etc, and add in Little People, animals, bugs, etc. Put cups, spoons, and trucks inside for dumping and digging! This is a great way to have fun indoors!

**Outdoor fun:** A new treasure this year at camp was Hearthsong's “water pod” – a mini-water bed to lounge, roll, and squish on. Great sensory experience!

**Liquid gel tiles** – similar to the “water pod”

**Huggle pod** – hang from a tree branch or stand. Great for “quiet” or “alone” time.

### 18 mos-36 months:

Zoo on the Loose

Dot Markers

Acorn Soup game

Barnyard Bingo

B.Toys Squeeze blocks for easy stacking

Monkey Around

Yoga Activity Blocks

Grippies tactile magnetic set

Tactile Search and Match

Mudpuppy Puzzle Wheels –great for 2 and under!

Mudpuppy 3-piece puzzles

Play-doh

Yellow bus to put characters in/out

Little People character sets