Why?
* develops spatial reasoning and visualization
* teaches counting and number sense
* encourages flexible thinking and creative development
* builds fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination

**Rock Tracks**

**What?**

Using rocks, your child can create a simple track for their cars and toys. Build a new track each time by rearranging the rocks and

**How?**

- collect medium size flat rocks (like river rocks)
- draw a continuous line around each rock with a marker or Sharpie
- these lines do not have to be straight - add some curves and bends!
- have your child arrange the rocks together to create a track (it can be straight, twisty, in a circle, however they want to play with it!)

**Questions to Ask:**

“What do you think this track might look like if we turn one rock the other way?”

“Can you make a track with 5 rocks? What about 20 rocks?”

(Make a track with 15 small rocks and 5 large ones) "If the track with 5 is longer, does this mean that 5 is bigger than 15?"