

Building Blocks - Week 21 “What’s The Missing Step”.

Children LOVE this small group activity, especially hiding the stair. Each child in the group should have a turn hiding a stair.

Teaching Strategies Connection: 22. Compares and measures

Whole Groups:

- Count & Move in Patterns
- What’s the missing step?
- What’s *This* Step? (reinforces concept of number “before” and “after”)

Small Group – p. 328 “What’s the Missing Step”?

Recall week 13. “Building Stairs”

Materials- Unifix Cubes



- Children work in pairs to build stairs from 1-5. Then take turns hiding a step.
- Child 1 turns away or shuts his or her eyes, as child 2 hides a step.
- Child 1 then has to figure out which step is missing
- Have children discuss how they knew and count to check their work, if necessary.

Serial Ordering: When children put cube towers in order or determine which tower is missing in an ordered arrangement, they may use many strategies and thus are meeting many mathematical goals. For example, children may count each tower and find the next one by knowing the next number in the counting sequence, or they may compare the lengths of the towers.

- **Computer:** Build Stairs 2 and 3 Snap Shots 2