## Art

- The child learned about shapes and structures by creating the different components of the house using popsicle sticks.
- They explored color and design by painting or decorating the popsicle sticks before assembling the house.
- They practiced fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination while handling the popsicle sticks and attaching them together.
- The child developed creativity and imagination by designing their own unique house using the popsicle sticks.

## **Social Studies**

- The child learned about different types of houses and architecture by building a miniature house with popsicle sticks.
- They explored the concept of community and homes by discussing the purpose of houses and how they provide shelter for people.
- They learned about teamwork and cooperation if they worked on the project with other children, taking turns and sharing ideas.
- The child developed problem-solving skills by figuring out how to assemble the popsicle sticks in a stable structure.

After completing the popsicle stick house, you can encourage the child to further develop their artistic and problem-solving skills by challenging them to build more complex structures or create a whole neighborhood using popsicle sticks. They can also explore different architectural styles from around the world and try to replicate them using the popsicle sticks. Encourage them to think critically and plan their designs before starting the construction. This activity can also be extended to incorporate other subjects, such as science (exploring the physics of structures) or math (measuring and calculating dimensions).

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Building a House</u> by Byron Barton: This book introduces young readers to the process of building a house from start to finish, including the different workers involved and the tools used.
- <u>The Three Little Pigs</u> by James Marshall: A classic fairy tale that explores the concept of houses and construction through the story of three pigs building houses to protect themselves from a wolf.
- <u>Iggy Peck, Architect</u> by Andrea Beaty: This book tells the story of a young boy with a passion for architecture and his creative problem-solving skills as he helps his teacher and classmates during a field trip mishap.

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