



Carson and Haydyn are building a castle out of Duplo. Carson starts building a wall. When finished they put their walls together. Haydyn says, “We should make a door and a window.” Carson agrees and he begins to restructure his wall to make a window. Carson then says to Haydyn, “They could jump up here, go through there, jump on the trampoline, then get to Badger’s castle and then they win.” Haydyn replies “Ok, where should this go?” Carson points and says, “Right here k!” Suddenly one of the walls comes crashing down. They both exclaim, “WOAH!” Carson says “But we can still fix it.”



Haydyn states, "I'm going to work on the bottom stair." Carson says, "I will do the top." They both work on the stairs. Haydyn then says to Carson, "There, do this so they know it's a castle." She then adds some pieces to the corner. Carson says, "What about this, so they know it's the bigger castle?" Carson adds some Duplo pieces to what Haydyn had done. Carson then says, "Haydyn look what I did!" Haydyn looks up then knocks the castle over. Carson quickly says, "That's ok Haydyn, don't worry, that's ok Haydyn." They both start fixing the castle. Once the castle is fixed they begin to add more.



Carson then says “Ta-da, look I made two different patterns.” He points to his patterns and says “orange, red, yellow, yellow, yellow.” Carson attaches his two different patterns to the castle. Carson realizes, “We have almost used all the pieces. Can I dump them out?” Carson tips over the big blue bucket that holds the rest of the pieces. He is grinning from ear to ear. Carson then says, “I have an idea. This can be the elevator.” Haydyn agrees saying, “The grey can be for going down and the blue can be for going up.” Carson agrees and says, “The up is only for the bathroom and the down drops you off right here.”



Haydyn says “All done.” Carson replies, “Wait, my person, he’s going right here.”
Carson places his purple block person on the corner.



Carson, you love to build and create things. I am surprised each time to see one of your new creations. They are always so different from the ones you have built before. I especially enjoyed watching you and Haydyn build the castle together. I love how you collaborated and shared your ideas while building the castle. You also showed great empathy and leadership skills while working with your sister. You and Haydyn remind me so much of my brother and I when we were your ages. In fact, we used to build Duplo castles together too. Thank you for sharing this experience with me and reminding me of how appreciative I am of the many wonderful childhood memories I have of playing with my little brother.

I was able to see Carson express his creativity while watching he and his sister, Hayden, build a castle. This experience allowed him to show his leadership skills by sharing his ideas and giving his input on how things should be done. He showed empathy by encouraging Haydyn when the castle fell down and by reassuring her everything was ok, and that together they could fix it. This also showed me how persistent he is and how he never gives up. He just fixed it and moved on to the next challenge.

Each time I observe Carson he is creating or building something. He creates both 2D and 3D pieces of work. I would continue to introduce Carson to new and different materials to experiment with while building and creating his structures. To build on Carson's leadership and empathy skills I would have Carson help or work with a younger child. This would provide him new opportunities to take the initiative, teach new skills and also allow him to share his emotions with another child.

Feedback from Mom

- Carson and Haydyn usually work well together and I knew this. What I didn't know was that it was called Duplo! We always called it "Big Lego."
- Badger's Castle- is that from Mario Bros? Carson's obsession lately.
- Carson has been discussing patterns with Haydyn lately who is learning patterns in Grade Three Math.
- Carson loves making a mess!
- Great to hear Carson had suggestions on "the build" as sometimes Haydyn can be a bit overbearing and bossy.
- Laura was so amazing with Carson and he felt totally comfortable with her. She really brought the best out in both Haydyn and Carson.