Program 1: Lego Club

Your library does a once a month drop-in Lego building program. It is open to children in grades 3-6. Parents don’t stay. One librarian runs the program, with a page assistant who helps with materials.

The program takes place after school in the late afternoon. It runs for 1 ½ hours. You set up tables around the library’s program room. On each table you put a few Lego bases and a big tub of assorted Lego pieces. Children choose the table where they want to work. You try to keep the number of kids at each table fairly equal. Attendance varies—from a low of ten kids to a high of about 50.

The children have 45 minutes to build something. They can work alone or in pairs or groups. After the building period is over, you ask if anyone wants to explain what he/she did to the other children, and you ask everyone to listen politely to whoever is talking. After the explanation, other children can comment on what was done or ask questions.

After the talking you take pictures of everyone’s creations and email them to parents if desired. You end the program with a snack and then a clean-up time.

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