

Classroom Connections

Connecting Home and School - Classroom # 3

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Our Current Study: Buildings/Roads/Signs

Daily Questions of the week to discuss at home or school: We are making a pattern, can you tell which building comes next? Can you build a building as tall as you? What do you think a construction worker does? What can you do with a hammer? When you grow up what kind of job would you like to try?

What we learned this week : This week we discussed who builds buildings. The children knew that a person who builds a building is called a construction worker. We discussed how they can make different buildings. We explored with different plastic tools in the Block Area, such as a hammer, saw and screw driver. We watched videos in the Computer Area on how construction workers build and then simulated this with our buildings materials in Blocks. We got the chance to explore with real tools in Discovery and talked about how they feel, such as heavy, light, sizes and shapes. We also discussed building materials that are strong. We referred back to The Three Little Pigs story and discussed that the bricks is the strongest material because it will not get blown over.

Second Step : Your child is learning that being kind to other people is a way to show we care about how they are feeling. He or she is learning how to be kind to others by listening to them and helping them. Understanding how to be kind helps your child get along well with others at school and at home.

Skills we learned this week:

Researching - We used our class computer to research how a building is built.

Comparing - We compared items that are heavy and light such as bricks vs. nails.

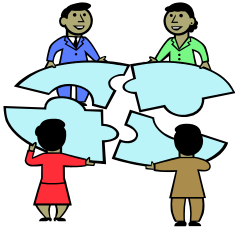
Documenting - We documented how tall we are using a measuring tape.

Essential questions we will explore next week : When you grow up what job would you like to do? What part of your body does a hard hat protect? What can you do with these (tools on display)? What do you think that most of the buildings we see outside are made of? Which house is the strongest (stick, straw, brick)?

Things to do together at home: Play a game with your child to practice being kind. Say: We're going to play a game. We'll take turns pretending something sad happened. Pretend you hurt your foot. Model what to say: You look sad. Are you okay? Wait for a reply. Then say how you'll help: Let me put some ice on it.

Things to bring to school: Bring in any pictures of buildings, or old magazines where we can look through and find different buildings.

Thank You, Ms. Heather and Ms. Tamara - Class 3



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