



I Build! I Create!

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| Week 1 | Construction Terms |
| Week 2 | Tools and Machines |
| Week 3 | I Can Build |
| Week 4 | I Can Create |



Our character education focus will be on developing the concepts of cooperation and intentionality.

Dear Family,

During the next four weeks, we will learn about construction terminology, machines, and tools. Children will explore the tools used by many different professionals including the tools that they use in preschool. They will explore artist's tools, carpenter's tools, gardener's tools, and scientist's tools. They will learn about simple machines and begin to use tools for measurement. But most importantly, they will use their imaginations as they use the tools to build and create.

Literacy

What fun to consider and compare the building styles of the Three Little Pigs. Help your child retell the story and then sing this simple story summary.

Three Pigs

by Pam Schiller

Tune: "Five Little Ducks"

One little pig went to find his way
Over the hill not far away.
He built a home of flimsy straw,
But his house had a fatal flaw.

The next little pig went to find his way
Over the hill not far away.
He built a home of fragile sticks.
He should have used his brother's bricks.

The third little pig went to find his way
Over the hill not far away.
He built a home of sturdy bricks,
And he was safe from the wolf's mean tricks.

Math

Children will continue counting, sorting, patterning, and graphing during this theme, but we will also focus on identifying geometric shapes. We will talk about sides and corners and angles. For example, your child will be comparing different four-sided figures and determining which ones are squares and which ones are rectangles.

You may want to prepare a shape meal. Cut the foods into circles, squares, triangles, or rectangles. Discuss the shapes and enjoy eating them.

- Try a circle lunch of carrot coins, round cracker stacks layered with cheese, banana slices, and salami.
- Enjoy a square breakfast of French toast (trim bread into squares before cooking) with a pat of butter and melon cubes.



Notes