



Classroom Connections

Connecting Home and School

Teacher: Kaitlyn O'Halpin

Week of: 11/25/19

Our Current Study: Buildings-Roads-Signs

Focus Question of the Week:

Who builds buildings? What tools do they use?

Daily Questions we explored:

Can you build a building as tall as you?

Which piece of equipment would a construction worker wear?

What can you do with a hammer?

What we learned this week:

With this short week we began talking about the people who build buildings. **Builders, carpenters, architects, bricklayers, masons, plumbers, electricians and painters.** Miss Kaitlyn's husband is in construction management and facetimes us to show us his safety gear and his current project! We will continue to look deeper into this topic once we get back.

Big Day Pre-K Letter of The Week: Gg

Second Steps Lesson: Following Directions

With the short week, we continued to practice Following Directions. Practice and repetition are necessary for children to remember and use the skills taught in this program. This week children learn to follow directions by practicing listening, attention and self-talk skills.

Skills we practiced:

- **Building with blueprints:** The children made letters with magnetic pieces by following a blueprint. They also built 3-D structures using a blueprint.

Focus Question we will explore next week:

Who builds buildings? What tools do they use?/What are buildings made of and what makes them strong?

Daily Questions we will explore:

When you grow up what job would you like to try?

What part of your body does this protect?

What can you do with these?

What is this building made of?

Which house is the strongest?

Things to do together at home:

Talk to your children about the features in your home. Show them the pipes and explain how a plumber may have set them up. Take them to your basement and show them the hot water heater and heating/ac units. Explain to them that a carpenter would have laid the hardwood floors or put up the walls. Etc.

Things to bring to school:

If you have any building materials laying around that are safe and you will no longer need, we would love to use them in our classroom.

Also, please do not forget to label your child's coat, hat, scarf etc.