



Dear Families,

We are so excited to announce we are starting the building study! During this study, the children have opportunities to talk about the world around them. For example, when our class goes outside to play, the children are always pointing out buildings, homes, and structures nearby. They ask questions about what they are made of, how strong they are, and the way they look. In addition to buildings, we will also be learning about roads and signs as they are related to our study. Our city is home to beautiful buildings and new construction around every corner, so it's an exciting time to start this study!

As we study buildings, we will learn concepts and skills in science, social studies, literacy, math, the arts and technology. We will also be using thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

To get the study started, we are gathering all sorts of pictures of buildings. We welcome pictures from sources such as newspapers, magazines, postcards, print outs from the Internet, and your family's photo collection. It would be wonderful if you could include pictures of buildings both locally and from around the world as well!

Houses	Yurts	Mosques	Mall Entrances
Apartments	Shacks	Post Offices	Museums
Barns	Hotels-Motels	Supermarkets	Gas Stations
Sheds	Office Buildings	Restaurants	Parking Garages
Castles	Schools	Hospitals	Mechanic shops
Cottages	Libraries	Factories	Government
Cabins	Stores	Skyscrapers	buildings
Bungalows	Churches	Theatres	Community
Huts	Synagogues	Concert Halls	centers

Discussing some of these topics would be a terrific way to introduce the topic to your child. Together, you and your child can study your house or apartment building and ask what materials were used to build it. How many floors or stories does it have? How many rooms, windows, and doors does it have? And together you and your child may even discover more features of your home.

Also, talk with your child about the buildings that you see together. Making a list of the buildings that interest your child would help him/her investigate questions similar to the ones listed. Asbury Park is not only a city of modern and historic architecture, but a community that works together to give our children the tools to build brighter futures. Thank you for taking an important role in our learning.



Sincerely,
Miss Laura and Miss Pat
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