



BRAIN BUILDING IN PROGRESS

Resources for Early Learning

Family Connection Letter

Unit 6: Building Structures Week 1: Houses and Homes

Date _____

Dear Families,

This week we begin a three-week unit on building structures. Over the next three weeks, children will be exploring the materials used to build, parts of structures including walls and roofs, and how parts are put together to build structures that are strong and stable. This week, children will be reading the classic folktale *The Three Little Pigs* and watching a *Between the Lions* video, “Huff and Puff,” based on the folktale. We will also read *Building a House* by Byron Barton, a book about the steps it takes to build a house. Children will be introduced to the letter “Bb,” the letter sound /b/, and the word *build*. Also, we will revisit the letter “Hh,” the letter sound /h/, and the word *house*.

Here are some activities you might do with your child to extend his or her building explorations:

- Help your child draw and/or write something about the building he or she lives in and what materials it is made of. Help him or her identify the shapes in different features of the building.
- Visit a construction site. Talk about what the construction workers are building. What materials, tools, and machines are they using?

Thank you!
