



Unit 6: Building Structures Week 2: Building High, Building Strong

Date _____

Dear Families,

This week we are learning how to build things high and strong. Together we will build towers and test how strong and stable they are. We will be watching the *PEEP and the Big Wide World* “Chirp Builds a Nest” video to see how Chirp solves the problems she has while trying to build a sturdy nest. Children will listen to a southwestern version of the three little pigs story called *The Three Little Javelinas*, and to the book *Tap Tap Bang Bang*, a story that shows many of the things building tools can do—and many of the sounds they make when being used.

Here are some activities you can do with your child:

- Take a walk or drive around your neighborhood. What buildings and bridges do you see? Think about how the bridges and buildings are built and supported. Can you see support beams? Talk with your child about how buildings and bridges are made.
- Make edible building towers with your child. Use graham crackers for walls and icing, cream cheese, or peanut butter as plaster to hold walls and roof together. You can even add slate to your roof with cornflakes or small candies. How high can you make your towers?

Thank you!
