

Dear Family, in class today, we explored building with different materials.

Did you know?

- Children enjoy building with blocks.
- Children can learn to build in different ways.
- They will gain confidence in their ability to build.
- Children begin to see that forces act on the things they build.

Ask your child:

- Describe the materials you used to build with.
- Explain how you built your structure.
- Tell me how you made your structure better.

Vocabulary:

- material – anything used for building something.
- structure – something that is made of different parts. The parts are connected.
- construction – the process of building something.
- balance – the state of being steady.
- force – a power. A force can make something move. A force can hold something together.
- gravity – a force in the universe. It pulls all things on Earth downward.

Activity:

Take your child for a walk around your neighborhood. Look at the buildings. Ask your child what they see. Point out the different shapes of the buildings. Look at the different building materials. Notice the doors, windows, walls, and roofs. Talk about how the buildings need to be balanced so that they remain standing. When you get back home, help your child draw a picture of one of the buildings. Help them label the doors, windows, walls, and roof. Send the picture to school to share with us.