

Dear Families,

Happy Thursday! We had a fun week continuing to learn all about buildings. We also celebrated Mrs. Rachel's new baby boy Benson! Linda, our long-term substitute in Mrs. Rachel's position, will be starting in our classroom on Monday.

What did we work on this week?

Our class read Build it Strong this week. We learned all about the process of building a structure, and put our knowledge to the test in our dramatic play area. During Second Step, we learned about how to say the problem during social conflicts. We now have a water in our sensory tub with small nets, alphabet bubbles, and various containers to explore the movement of water. At small group, we practiced noticing rhyming words through game play and we practiced counting skills using beads. Students created an Earth handprint painting for our classroom and were able to design a blueprint for a building.

What will we do next week?

- Start our insect study!
- Read Creepy Crawly Calypso and Insect Quest
- Learn about the characteristics of insects
- Color journal cover pages and create ladybugs at the art table
- Practice quantifying and interacting during reading experiences at small group
- Observe a live ant farm at the science table
- Roast marshmallows over a campfire at our campsite dramatic play area!

Reminders:

- **On your child's last day of preschool, we will be having preschool graduation! We will be having snacks and a graduation ceremony in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!**
- **If your child is going to be absent from school, please call your child's bus company. Their phone numbers are listed below.**

First Student: 763-421-3199. Kottke's: 763-755-3100, ext. 1