

Dear Parents,

This week we are beginning a new theme in our classroom, “Creative Me”. The topic this week is “Under Construction”. Children love to watch construction work. They are fascinated by big machines. This week, children will explore construction. They will learn the names of construction vehicles and how they are used. They will also be introduced to the different stages (steps) in building. The students learned that construction is the process of building something. Use the Word of the Week at home. You might notice a construction project and discuss the machines you see: Look at the cement mixer. What do you think these workers are building?

**Letters we reviewed this week:** Cc, li, Rr

We introduced these letters and listened to the sound that they make through different songs. We learned that li is a vowel. During Circle Time, the students came up with words that start with these letters. We reinforced how to make the letters with stencils and traced them on dry-erase sheets. We practiced tracing and coloring the letters, wrote words that start with these letters and drew pictures.

For Math, the children focused on naming, describing, and analyzing shapes with straight lines. We asked the children to build a shape, then asked questions like: How many sides does your shape have? Are the sides straight? parallel? How can you change the shape? Does your shape have a name? What is it? The children worked in their journals and used the different shapes to make different buildings, skyscrapers, bridges, etc., they imagined they would construct. You can continue to practice building and naming more shapes at home.

**Books we read this week:** Mighty, Mighty Construction Site, What Will It Be? , The Three Little Pigs

Good Night, Good Night, Construction Site

**Vocabulary words:** Construction, Engineer, Architect, Blueprint, Skyline, Skyscraper

**Student of the week:** Purple Door: Miles Nelson

Brown Door: Lyanna Di Castro

Please bring a decorated poster next week (Monday 10/21) with family pictures, favorite places to go, food that they like, pets, or add anything that you think will make your child happy to share with classmates and teachers. Have them participate while you are putting it together with them.

**Reminders:**

\* For next week, our topic will be Halloween. We are asking if two parents would be kind enough to donate a medium/big-ish pumpkin which we can dissect, carve and the children can observe the different parts of the pumpkin (shell, flesh, seeds). Thank you in advance.

\*\* **Our Halloween event** will be on 10/30. Parents are invited to the costume parade. Children should be sent to school in their costumes with a change of clothing, the school uniform in a bag. Please remember that no masks or weapons or toys of any kind are permitted.

**Quote of the week:** Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children. Khalil Gibran

Have an amazing weekend

Ms Nadia and Ms Carmen

Ms Ana and Ms Miriam