Dear Families,

 When we are outside, children often ask questions about our building. They want to now the height of the school building, what’s it made of, and how stong it is. They also ask many questions about the way it looks. Their ongoing interest in our building helped us realize that buildings would be a good study topic.

To get the study started, we are gathering all sorts of pictures of buildings. We could really use your help! We welcome pictures from any source such as newspapers, magazines, postcards, print outs from the Internet, and your family’s photo collection. It would be wonderful if you could include pictures of buildings in other parts of the world, too. Here is a list of suggestions, but you may also send in pictures of buildings that are not on the list.

Houses

Apartments

Barns

Sheds

Castles

Cottages

Cabins

Bungalows

Huts

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Yurts

Shacks

Hotel-motels

Inns

Office buildings

Schools

Churches

Synagogues

Mosques

Post offices

Supermarkets

Libraries

Restaurants

Hospitals

Factories

Skyscrapers

Theaters

Concert Halls

Museums

Parking Garages

Gas Stations

Mechanic Shops

Government Buildings

Community Centers

As we study buildings, we will learn concepts and skills in science, social studies, literacy, math, the arts and technology. We will also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

**What You Can Do At Home**

Study your house or apartment building with your child. What materials were used to build it? How many floors or stories does it have? How many rooms, windows, and doors does it have? Don’t forget the basement if you have one! How old is your home? Who built it? What are its dimensions?

Talk with your child about the buildings that you are seeing together. Keep a list of the buildings that interest your child. Help your child investigate questions similar to the ones we mentioned about.

Thank you for playing and important role in our learning.