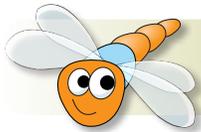




This Month's Themes

Let's Build: Put on your hard hats and get ready for a busy theme! Tools, protective gear, and heavy machinery will be discussed as the children learn about the important jobs of construction workers. Blocks and boxes will allow the children to imagine and build!

Fun at the Fair: Fairs are in full swing in many parts of the country during the summer. Clowns, carnivals, and yummy foods will set the stage for this theme. The children will have firsthand fun at their own child care fair!



Activities for Home

- Point out any areas in your neighborhood where construction is taking place. Look for any machines that are being used. Talk about how each machine helps the workers do their jobs.
- Show your child your own tool collection. Talk about the names and purposes of each tool. Allow your child to touch them, keeping safety in mind. If you don't have any tools of your own, consider visiting a local hardware or home improvement store.
- Outdoor play is not only a form of exercise, but can also be a form of creative movement for your child. It fosters the development of large muscles, coordination, and balance. Provide your child with opportunities for vigorous outdoor play each day. Challenge your child's motor skills by asking how fast he can run or how far she can hop on one foot.

Help Me Review!

In the summer months, we review all the letters of the alphabet, numbers 1-20, colors, and shapes. Read alphabet and number books to your child to reinforce this review. Practice counting items around the house and sing "The Alphabet Song" with your child as you go about your day. Name colors and shapes as you see them outdoors while enjoying summertime activities.

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books-lots of them! Check out funshineextras.com for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

Machines at Work

by Byron Barton

Construction Trucks

by Jennifer Dussling

The Lonely Skyscraper

by Jerry Hawkesworth

Biscuit Goes to the Fair

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Night at the Fair

by Donald Crews

Maisy at the Fair

by Lucy Cousins

Nursery Rhymes



Simple Simon

Simple Simon met a piman
Going to the fair;
Says Simple Simon to the piman,
Let me taste your ware.

Sing Along with Me!

Find these songs on our 2016–2017
Music and Movement CD available at
funshineexpress.com.

Construction Zone

Sung to “Pop! Goes the Weasel”

The backhoe digs up all the dirt.
The loader fills 'er up!
The dump truck dumps it out on the ground.
Boom! That's construction!



The dozer pushes the dirt all around.
The roller presses it down.
The mixer churns round and round.
Boom! That's construction!



Food at the Fair

Sung to “The Wheels on the Bus”

The (food) at the fair (smells yum, yum, good.
Yum, yum, good! Yum, yum, good!)
The (food) at the fair (smells yum, yum, good.)
All around the fairgrounds.



Repeat with: popcorn . . . goes pop, pop, pop!
peanuts . . . go crunch, crunch,
crunch!
snow cones . . . are brr, brr, cold!

Ingredients: graham crackers
square shaped cereal
pretzel sticks
peanut butter
raisins

Give your child a graham cracker and invite her to spread peanut butter on it. Offer pretzel sticks, square cereal shapes, and raisins for your child to create windows, doors, and other details on her snack!

My Spanish Words