

We Are Architects!



Dear Families,

We read the book *The Little Red Fort* written by Brenda Maier and illustrated by Sonia Sanchez. In this book a girl named Ruby builds a fort all by herself. She goes through the design process of planning, building, and trying out her fort. At the end, her three brothers contribute by adding a mailbox, planting flowers, and painting. When her brothers help her, Ruby feels “delighted” or very happy. Talk with your children about the book. What do they remember from it?

You can also focus on reinforcing the meaning of the word “delighted.” You and your child can:

- Show what your faces look like when you feel “delighted”
- Show what your faces look like when you feel the opposite of “delighted”
- Draw a picture about a time you felt “delighted”
- Tell stories about times you felt “delighted”

Did You Know?

Using new vocabulary repeatedly in everyday interactions is so important. It typically takes 12 repetitions for a child to “learn” a new word.

