

What's Happening Now

Dear Families,

In this unit, we focus on our local community. We explore and describe the places, helpers, vehicles, and animals in our community. Children also learn about the importance of being kind to one another in a community and of taking care of the community by keeping it clean. Children will have lots of hands-on opportunities to apply their knowledge, as they learn about maps, construct buildings, and create obstacle courses. They will also practice new letters and numbers as well as compare quantities using terms like more than, less than, and equal. They also:

- Begin to learn letter names and their sounds (*p, n, h, v, s, d*)
- Practice counting objects and making sets
- Sort a variety of objects

Keep It Going

Share Learning

What is a special place in the community for you and your family? With your child, take a photograph of it, draw it, or bring in an object related to it (e.g. a movie ticket). Tell a story about when you go there, what you see, or what you do. Please send it in so we can learn about the places and things in the community that are meaningful to you and your family.

Share Your Expertise

We are looking for family members who will come in and talk to us about their jobs.

Share Some Supplies

If you have any of the following, please share:

- Examples of maps (road maps, maps of parks or museums, world maps, etc.)
- Small, clean cardboard boxes (e.g. shoe boxes, tissue boxes, cereal boxes, or pasta boxes)
- Bottle caps, cleaned
- Paper bags
- Cardboard tubes
- Clean, empty water bottles
- Small items from nature such as acorns and pebbles

