

Here is a copy of weekly plans at the Children's House Preschool in Boulder, CO.

STORYBOOK JOURNEY: "The House in the Meadow" by Shutta Crum.

EASELS: Paint and Rollers.

CLASSROOM DISPLAY BOARD: Children's floor plans of their homes.

ART:

Spin Art: Construction paper, paint, salad spinners.

House Floor Plan: Children make a floor plan of their house, or school or other significant building using floor tile samples to differentiate rooms, and then label the different areas.

Leaf Collage: Gathered leaves, colored seed paper, tape and transparencies.

Tool Making: Creating tools from corks, straws, Popsicle sticks, recycled materials, and mounting them on a display board.

Fabric Houses: Glue and fabric shapes mounted on house shaped paper.

People who work in your town: Window houses with magazine photos of people with diverse occupations.

DRAMATIC PLAY:

Tool Workshop: Hard hats, tools, tool belts, saw.

Construction Site: Conveyor belt, loading dock, backhoe, cement mixer, dump truck, wrecker, road mat.

Contractor's Office: Phones, computers, calculators, clip boards, tape measures.

Household Costumes: Suits, ties, chef's coat, doctor and nurse costumes.

Miniature Houses in the Neighborhood: miniature furniture and figurines for house play.

SCIENCE & TACTILE AREA:

Gravity Tube – PVC tube plastic balls. "Wrecking ball" for cardboard structures, children experiment with different objects to see which will knock over a cardboard brick tower.

SONGS, MUSIC & MOVEMENT:

"The Construction Song" "If I Had a Hammer" "This Land is Your Land" "It's a Small World" "Home On The Range" "This is the Way We..." "I've Been Working on the Railroad" "In the Neighborhood" "All Around the Town."

PORTFOLIO:

"Where I Live" children draw their homes and/or neighborhoods where they live.

THE CONSTRUCTION SONG

(To the tune of The Farmer in the Dell.)



The backhoe scoops the dirt.

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Hey-ho! Look at it go!

The backhoe scoops the dirt.

[For each new verse use:

The cement mixer spins.

The builders saw the wood.

The roofer hammers nails.

The plumber puts in pipes.

The house is wired for light.

The painters paint the rooms.

The people settle in.]

