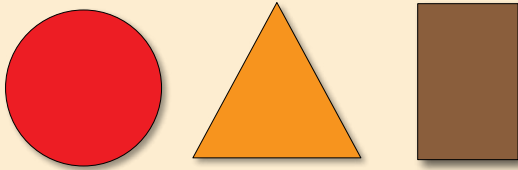


Themes

Construction Zone
Fun at the Fair

Shapes and Colors



Numbers

1-8

Letters

Aa - Hh

Alphabet Words

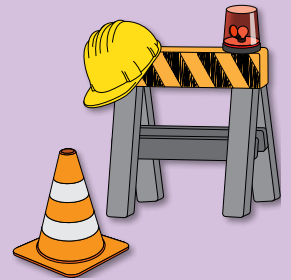
ambulance, bee,
cake, dog,
egg, feather,
guitar, helicopter

Sign Language



Theme Descriptions

Construction Zone: Put on your hard hats and get busy! 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 preschool 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 many 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.

Look for Books

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

Billions of Bricks

by Kurt Cyrus

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site

by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Construction Zoo

by Jennifer Thorne

The Little Red Crane

by Cornelius Van Wright

Roller Coaster

by Marla Frazee

I Am (Not) Scared

by Anna Kang

Up and Down on the Merry-Go-Round

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

Summer Color!

by Diana Murray

Cooking Together

When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.

Delicious Construction

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-shaped cereal, and raisins for your child to create windows, doors, and other details on her snack!



Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at www.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!



Reminders. . .

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