

# Lowville Classroom News

December 11, 2018



We have been continuing our study on structures. The children have been learning about different styles of buildings, safety practices, and tools. Children also learned the names of people who work on constructing a building such as plumbers, electricians, and masons.

To go along with the study, we have added a work bench with hammers, nails, and wood to build using their own creativity. There is even a safety zone set up to keep everyone safe.

Children also used familiar buildings in our neighborhood such as Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Tops etc. to learn more about environmental print and to strengthen letter awareness.

They also made their own blueprints by tracing blocks on blue paper with white chalk.

## Books we Read

Build it from A-Z

Building a House

Changes, Changes.

Three Little Javelinas

Buildings, Buildings Buildings

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs

My Neighbors and Their Simple Machines



Children have been practicing their writing skills, forming the numbers 4 and 5. We continued to use the rainbow writing technique where the children use all their crayons to practice forming numbers or letters by drawing lines inside a pre-traced bubble letter. Children also drew a picture of things they would like Santa to bring them. Teachers wrote down their ideas.

During group time each child drew a house and put the number of girls, boys and pets that live in their family. The girl members were represented by pink or purple shapes, boys were blue and pets were green. This activity focused on counting skills, printing numbers, and family.

## Learning and Fun

We have been practicing Christmas carols and learned about St. Nick's Day. This Christmas custom is celebrated in Holland where children put their shoes out for St. Nick in hopes for a special treat.

We also learned about the windmills and the buildings that are built along the waterway in Holland to go along with our structure study.



Wow!

We walked to the Gerald A. Nortz garage to see what goes on in that building. Children guessed what they thought was inside and they learned other things that go inside a car dealership.

## Nutrition

Children created structures using crackers, hummus and carrots/celery sticks.

They also helped to make blueberry muffins.



## Dates to Remember

December 14: Class Party at Lowville Fire Hall at 1:00 pm

December 14: Mental Health Observation/Consultation 9-12

Let's get ready to play in the snow!



Reminder: Please make sure if your child is riding the bus that he or she is wearing snow pants, boots, hat coat and mittens. It is a long walk to and from Head Start. We also go outside every day.