

## **N THEME 8: MAKE IT, BUILD IT. (08<sup>th</sup> Apr. to 03<sup>rd</sup> May.)**

**Our eighth topic of the year is all about dreaming big and creating something even bigger.**

### **THEME LESSONS**

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Build, make, playdough, use, shapes, building, blocks, make, share, together, crafts, tools, hammer, box, gloves, wood, nails, saw.

Songs: 'London bridges falling down,' 'The shape song' and 'This is the way we build a house.'

This theme the children will learn how to use their hands to build and create wonderful and different things. They will start by using and playing with playdough in new and interesting ways. Pasta, buttons and plastic shapes are just a few items they will explore with. The teacher will then give the children the opportunity to create beautiful pictures using shapes. The teachers will give the children examples of animals, houses etc made from typical shapes, inspiring the children to think of other objects too. They will read the book, 'Mouse shapes,' helping them to see shapes in new and different ways. The classes will continue the building theme by getting creative with building blocks. The teacher will make some suggestions to get the children's creative juices flowing and then allow them time to experiment, imagine, build and create. Making crafts is another fun way to create and build using our hands. The children will make painted flowers out of paper cups, beautiful! Lastly, the classes will read the two books, 'The toolbox' and 'Froggy builds a tree house,' to learn more about the common tools we use to help us build. These books are both funny and informative.

### **ART LESSONS** (sample to the right may vary from actual art work)

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making their own boxes to build with. They will get to decorate them in their own way, creating some very fun and colourful building blocks for the block area. The classes will also celebrate Earth Day and the importance of looking after our environment by making a happy world out of a paper plate. Lastly, the children will celebrate their amazing Moms, showing them how much they love them by making a beautiful Mother's Day card.



### **MATH & READING LESSONS**

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

Keywords: Pattern, same, picture, shape, sound, drawing, picture, bigger, smaller, biggest, smallest, order, row, taller, shorter, tallest, shortest, line, number, next.

Songs: 'Stand up, sit down,' 'Open, shut them' and 'Little bunny foo foo.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by learning about patterns with pictures, shapes, sounds etc. The teachers will create fun ways to help the children learn how to continue patterns, using finger paints, stickers etc. The fun book, 'Lucy ladybug,' will also help them understand the wonderful world of patterns. The classes will have fun with instruments, creating sound patterns. The teachers will separate the class into two groups, each playing their instrument only when it is their turn, creating a simple musical pattern. Towards the end of the theme the classes will move on to learning about ordering, biggest to smallest, shortest to tallest and counting in order. They will use simple classroom items to help them understand these important concepts in a fun way.

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn about the letters R and S. They will read the books, 'I read' and 'Sand.'