Our theme for the month of December has been Building.

Using diverse books and materials, our inquiry has been focused around central questions such as, “What is a building?”, “What are features of buildings?”, “How are buildings made?” and “How can we make buildings?”

We started with different versions of “The Three Little Pigs,” which gave us an opportunity to discuss strong building materials (bricks and wood) vs. weaker building materials (straw and sticks). We also compared and contrasted the different versions of the story.

We built our own Car Wash out of a large cardboard box. We glued and taped to add the washing and drying elements of this special type of building. We enjoyed going inside of the car wash.

Throughout this month at school, we enjoyed building with different materials, Magnatiles, wooden blocks, plastic blocks, stone blocks, connecting ladder blocks, and bristle blocks.

We noted many parts of our buildings on campus when we went on walks outside to gym and to our playground. Friends enjoyed building structures with the Imagination Playground blocks.

Gym with Mrs. Wendolowski was focused on “Team Building.” Our Music class focused on our theme with songs such as, “This is the way we build the house.” We took turns playing instruments that made sounds like tools.

Lucy builds a structure with stone blocks and wooden planks.

Claes uses his jackhammer to build.

Ruth is proud of her structure.

Lillian builds a tall structure with Magnatiles.
So many opportunities to learn!

Raj is ready for circle time.

Max connects ladders.

Tristan pastes his building creation together at the easel.

Raj paints a house at our easel.

Outside on our playground, Raj thinks about where to play next.

Zoe and friends learn about foundations through Mr Salineto’s demonstration.
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Tristan completes a puzzle.

Lucy and Zoe take turns stirring muffins.

Lillian glues a wooden house together.

Max glues a wooden house.

Branden paints a cardboard box house.

Holden and Lucy work with screwdrivers.
Review of what we learned…

Parts of Buildings
...Roof
...Wall
...Window
...Door

We Build with
...Hammers and Nails
...Screwdrivers and Sandpaper
...Construction Workers

How can we make buildings?
...Blocks and Legos
...Imagination Playground
...Boxes

Our next unit will be “Animals in Winter”.

Mrs. Loomis, Ms. O’Neill, Mr. Salinetro, Mrs. Tomer