

# Chapel Forge Newsletter

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## Calendar

February 13	Half Day for Students (see information below)
February 20	President's Day-No school
February 28	Construction Day (more information to come)

February 13 is a half day for students. Dismissal will begin at 12:15. There will be no Pre-k classes that day (Ms. Manning and Ms. Chambers). Please be looking for specific information sent home regarding your child's program.

### Curriculum News

The February curriculum theme is *Construction Zone*. See reverse side for information and activities.

### Save the Date!

On February 28, you are invited to join the students and staff in celebration of the Construction Theme. You will help build houses of straw, sticks, or bricks, and then watch the children perform *The Three Little Pigs*. Be looking for more information to come.



### Recycling

Chapel Forge is recycling printer cartridges and cell phones. If you have old items, please send them in with your child or, if you are in the building, they can be placed in the recycle box outside of the school library.

Don't forget to sign up for the *Giant School Rewards* program. The Chapel Forge number is 00415

Have a great week.

“Construction Zone” is February’s curriculum theme. The theme includes learning about construction workers and the tools and vehicles they use. This theme includes learning about the rooms and parts of a home. There will be lots of opportunities for communication in the classrooms and throughout the building.

Here are a few suggested home activities to encourage language, literacy and concepts:

**February vocabulary:**

Build	Roof	Tall	Construct
Tools	Chimney	short	
Workers	Measure	Long	

Emphasize these words at home as you and your child play and look at pictures in books and magazines together.

Activities:

1. Build with blocks or Legos. Label your creation. No blocks? Save empty cereal boxes and containers and build with them (What tall structures you can make!)
2. Visit a hardware store to see the tools construction workers use. (It is amazing how many types of screwdrivers there are.) Lowes and Home Depot offer monthly wood working classes for young children. Usually the children and an adult complete a wooden kit with store members’ support. Call or check the store for their Saturday morning schedule.
3. Use a tape measure to measure the heights of people in your family. Who is the tallest, the shortest?
4. This is a good time to use the labels for the rooms of the home. Give your child directions to put objects in specific rooms of the house or have your child find an object that you hide in a room.
5. Draw a map of your home. From magazines cut or tear pictures of objects that belong in a home then glue them to the map of your home.
6. Count the number of doors in your home. Count the number of stairs in your home or the number of stairs to get to you home.
7. Do you know of a construction site near Chapel Forge? If you do please send in the location so we can share it with other families. It is always fun to visit a construction zone in action. It is amazing the size of the equipment used to clear the land and lay the foundation! As always be careful and watch from a safe distance, perhaps the car.

**January Book Suggestions:**

The Toolbox, Anne Rockwell

Bam Bam Bam,

Night Worker, Kate Banks

Dig, Andrea Zimmerman

Alphabet books

Visit the public library for other books about trucks, tools, and construction sites!

Have fun building.

Trucks,

The Three Little Pigs, Galdone or other author

Alphabet Under Construction, D.Fleming