



WORKSHOP

PARENT HANDOUT

CIRCLE TIME

CAN I FIX IT?

Tune: Frere Jacques

*Can I fix it? Can I fix it?
Yes, I can! Yes, I can!
I can use my hammer,
I can use my hammer,
Bang, bang, bang!
Bang, bang, bang!*

Pound on wooden xylophone to song.

SEVEN BLOCK TOWER

Counting Chant

*One block, two blocks,
Three blocks, four,
Five blocks, six blocks,
Seven blocks, more!*

Give each child seven blocks and an aluminum pie pan base.
Build tower, recite chant, and knock over tower at end.

CONSTRUCTION SITE

Group Movement Activity

Children and parents collaboratively build walls and houses using homemade, cardboard blocks.

Play holiday background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, maple hardwood blocks and bubbles

CEDAR SEARCH

Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with cedar chips sold for small animal use. Add colored wooden blocks wooden nesting boxes and plastic hand rakes. Provide carpenter aprons.

DESIGN TIME

Creative Play

Children glue colored paper shapes on graph paper. Provide fat pencils to scribble. Label with child's name and take home.

I'M A CARPENTER

Language/Pretend Play


Children put on carpenter aprons and pretend to build with parents. Use plastic tools, tool boxes, plain wooden toys and yellow "hard hats". Use the words "same" and "different".

NAILS, NAILS EVERYWHERE

Problem Solving Play


Children insert big pegs into pegboard, like nails into wood. Make patterns using different colored pegs.

SNACK TIME

 Cheese cube and pretzel "hammer," cracker "board," and juice.

HOME PLAY

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "You did it!"

 Involve your child in fixing something that is broken at home. Teach your child the names of the tools you use.

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading