

6 by 6 Books to Go

Johnson County Library

Kit theme: CONSTRUCTION

- Book titles included:
 1. **Billions of Bricks** by Kurt Cyrus
 2. **365 Things To Do With LEGO Bricks** by Simon Hugo
 3. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Sherri Duskey Rinker
 4. **D is for Dump Truck** by Michael Shoulders
 5. **Construction** by Sally Sutton
- DVD: **John Deere Earth Mover Action**
- CD Audio: **Froggy Builds a Treehouse** by Jonathan London

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Machines at Work by Byron Barton
Stanley the Builder by William Bee
Jack's House by Karen Magnuson Beil
Little Excavator by Anna Dewdney
Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming
Tap Tap Bang Bang by Emma Garcia
Tip Tip Dig Dig by Emma Garcia
Push! Dig! Scoop! by Rhonda Gowler Greene
Construction Workers by Cari Meister
The Construction Crew by Lynn Meltzer
Busy Builders, Busy Week! by Jean Reidy
B is for Bulldozer by June Sobel
Demolition by Sally Sutton
All About series: Building, Construction, Cars & Motorcycles by GT Media (DVD)
Bob the Builder: On Site Roads and Bridges by 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment (DVD)



See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Construction

Marshmallow Building. Use miniature marshmallows and toothpicks to create structures. Try making a building that is multiple stories tall. Try making a pointed roof. Is it possible to make a vehicle out of marshmallows and toothpicks?

Real Hardware. For just a few dollars at a hardware store, you can buy extra large nuts and bolts that are safe to play with. (If they feel oily, simply run them through the dishwasher.) Playing with real materials alongside toy objects helps children with perspective, vocabulary, and comparison skills.

Look and Talk. After reading the books *Billions of Blocks* and *D is for Dump Truck* included in this Books To Go kit, look for some of the mentioned equipment or designs as you are out and about in your neighborhood. Perhaps count the number of tires on different trucks or the number of windows in a building.

Cranes

Cranes reach up (reach up)
Cranes reach down (bend down)
Cranes reach out (one arm to the side)
Cranes turn around. (turn around)

Can You Build It High?

(tune of *Do Your Ears Hang Low?*)
Can you hammer in a nail?
Can you saw a piece of wood?
Are you handy with a wrench?
Can you use it like you should?
Can you twist the screw in tight?
Using every bit of might?
Can you build it high?

Bumpity Bump

Bumpity bump in my dump truck.
Bumpity bump in my dump truck.
Bumpity bump in my dump truck.
Dump out the load!

I've got rocks in my dump truck, etc.
I've got boxes in my dump truck, etc.
I've got concrete in my dump truck, etc.

Jenny Works With One Hammer

(act as if pounding a hammer)
Jenny works with one hammer,
One hammer, one hammer.
Jenny works with one hammer,
Then she works with two!

(use both hands to pound)
Jenny works with two hammers,
Two hammers, two hammers, etc.

(pound with both hands and a foot)
Jenny works with three hammers,
Three hammers, three hammers, etc.

(pound with both hands and both feet)
Jenny works with four hammers,
Four hammers, four hammers, etc.

(pound hands, feet, *and* head)
Jenny works with five hammers, etc.
Five hammers, five hammers.
Jenny works with five hammers,
Then she takes a nap!

You'll find a printable copy of this activity sheet by searching for this kit in our Library's web catalog.