



BRAIN BUILDING IN PROGRESS

Resources for Early Learning

# Family Connection Letter

## Unit 9: Wonderful Water Week 2: Building Waterways

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Families,

This week we are continuing to explore the way water moves. We are building our own waterways and dams, observing how water flows, and using tools to collect and move water. We will read the books *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* and *Toy Boat*, two stories about exciting boat rides. We'll be returning to the *Between the Lions* show "River Story," to find out where the river that began in the mountains ends. (In a huge ocean!) We will be reviewing the letters "Dd" and "Rr" and the letter sounds /d/ and /r/, and learning the words *dam* and *river*.

Here are some activities you can do with your child:

- Take your child to see a nearby stream or river. Place twigs and leaves in the water to see where the current takes them. Talk about what happens. If it's a safe location let your child put a hand in the water to feel the movement.
- Pour a pitcher of water on dry soil and observe and talk about what happens. For example, maybe the soil will get washed away, leaving a hole in the ground.
- At bath time place a washcloth or other object over the drain as the water is flowing out of the tub. Talk about what happens. Let the water flow again, but stop it a few more times until there is very little left. Talk about your child's observations.

Thank you!