

“Loose Parts” Materials Request



You know the times when you buy your child that expensive, “cool” toy and they end up being more intrigued with the packaging? At Community Preschool we like to provide children with toys with multiple uses. We strive to provide opportunities for children to think outside of the box. We like to present opportunities for open-ended play, and for children to be creative with “loose parts”.

We are sending out a request to you for materials that you may just have around your house or workplace that would not normally be considered as toys. The purpose of our materials collection is to inspire and encourage everyone (even adults) to look at objects with new eyes; to see average everyday materials in a more creative way.



Could you please look around your homes and work places and see if there are any objects that you may be recycling or throwing away that we could re-purpose at preschool? Consider items that children could safely play and build with such as heavy cardboard tubes, packing supplies, or corrugated cardboard in unique shapes.



We are also always looking for excess paper that is only used on one side. We can recycle this paper by using the other side for projects. It is a great feeling when we can let the children create A LOT of pictures and not limit their paper usage. (Make sure nothing is confidential on the printed side.)

If you have a great deal of something to donate, please ask us first so that we can make sure that we have storage space available for your items.

Thanks for looking around with fresh eyes. We are excited to see what you may find.

Sincerely,
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