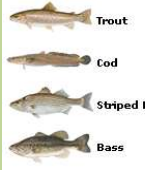



Ideas for Themes & Literacy Props

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Dramatic Play Themes & Props	Literacy Props
<p>Housekeeping stove, refrigerator, babies, chairs and tables, dishes, baby supplies, mailbox</p> 	<p>Newspapers, children’s books, baby/parenting magazines, paper and pencils shopping ads, slim paper for list making, coupons, magnetic letters for fridge, signs like “There’s no place like home” and “Welcome”, photo albums with captions, letters in mailbox</p>
<p>Boat shape of boat taped onto the floor, with kitchen area (galley), chairs for fishing, fishing poles, life jackets, binoculars</p>	<p>Maps of lakes, fish field guides, posters of different types of fish, fishing & outdoors magazines</p> 
<p>Airplane windows that look out onto clouds, chairs in rows, “cockpit” separated from main part of plane by refrigerator and stove, headsets for pilots, steering wheel for pilot and co-pilot (can be just circles of cardboard affixed to box with brads), small overnight suitcases with dress-up clothes, pretend food and dishes</p>	<p>Travel brochures (available for free from travel agencies), maps, flight manual, order pad and pencils for flight attendant, advertising posters with slogan like “Fly the friendly skies”, flight safety cards, in-flight magazines from airlines, name tags, tickets, passports</p> 
<p>Grocery Store tables, small grocery carts, cash register, money, purses, wallets, brown bags (not plastic for safety reasons)</p>	<p>Signs for shelves, coupons, grocery-store ads from the paper, posters of different foods, empty containers of foods, sale posters</p> 
<p>Veterinary Clinic stuffed animals, medical equipment like stethoscopes, gauze, shutters, white doctor coats or adult small white dress shirts</p>	<p>Charts of animals, books on animals, pet-care books, magazines for the waiting-room area, boxes labeled “medicine” (don’t use bottles or real medicine packages), appointment book, medical charts, file folders with paper and pencil</p>
<p>Restaurant play food, aprons, chef hat, dishes, vase with flowers, tables set for dining, money, cash register, dress-up clothes</p>	<p>Menus, cookbooks, signs for restaurant, chalkboard or dry erase board for “specials”, order pads and pencils</p>
<p>Campout tent, stuffed animals (or “fossils” depending on theme), binoculars, pretend fire, play food, dishes, small picnic table, sleeping bags</p>	<p>Wildlife posters, field guides or books on birds (or mammals, dinosaurs, etc., depending on theme)</p>  

<p>Submarine large piece of cardboard with portholes cut in side, steering wheel, periscope, pictures of fish or other underwater creatures, blue tulle or crepe paper draped from ceiling, green crepe paper draped from ceiling for seaweed, diving masks, flippers</p>	<p>Guidebooks on fish, informational books on underwater life, posters with text about life underwater</p> 
<p>Ice Cream Parlor dishes, cones made from paper, spoons, table and chairs, tubs of “ice cream” (yarn pom poms in a variety of colours), ice cream scoops, money, cash register, aprons</p>	<p>Oder forms and pencils, poster of flavor choices, price poster, store sign, labels on flavor buckets, empty containers of chocolate sauce, butterscotch, or cherry toppings</p>
<p>Firehouse phone, hoses, fire truck create from box, climber, or lined-up chairs, coats, rubber boots, fire hats, extinguisher (can be oatmeal can covered in red paper with piece of hose attached)</p>	<p>Map of city, poster of the order in which to put on gear, fire safety posters, paper and pencil for taking phone messages</p> 
<p>Flower Shop texture table with potting soil, plastic posts, artificial flowers, phone, cash register, money, shovels, plastic vases, refrigerator for floral arrangements, ribbon</p>	<p>Seed packets with labels, posters of plants, FTD book, sticks with names of plants on them, order forms and pencils</p> 
<p>Bakery flour in texture table, natural coloured playdough, cookie cutters, rolling pins, pans, oven, sink, aprons, oven mitts, phone, cash register, money, boxes decorated to look like cakes</p>	<p>Bakery sign, price lists, labels on shelves of baked goods, order forms, pencils recipe cards, cook book, paper for children to label their creations</p> 

