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Loose Parts on the Playground

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Meet the Speaker



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What are Loose Parts?

Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials.

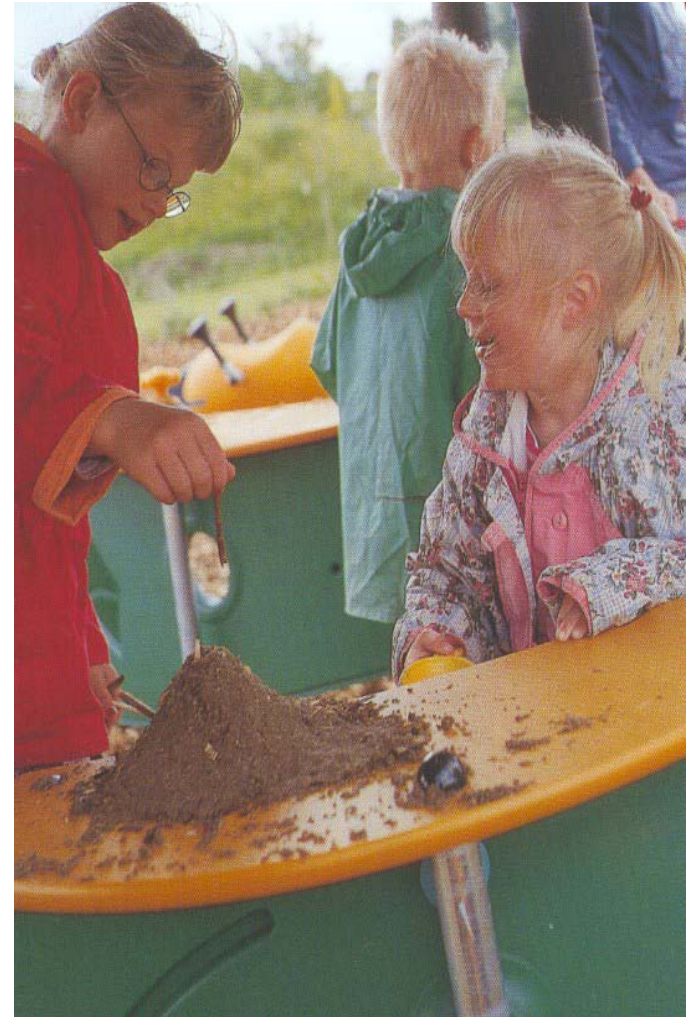




5 Reasons to Include Loose Parts



1. Encourage children to manipulate their environment.





Why Include Loose Parts Cont.

2. Children make choices based on the amount of variability material(s) provide





Why Include Loose Parts Cont.

3. Provide children with age-appropriate materials





Why Include Loose Parts Cont.

4. Inject novelty into the play environment





Why Include Loose Parts Cont.

5. Promote a wide variety of play behaviors



Types of Loose Parts



Natural



Manufactured



Natural Parts



Functions of Loose Parts

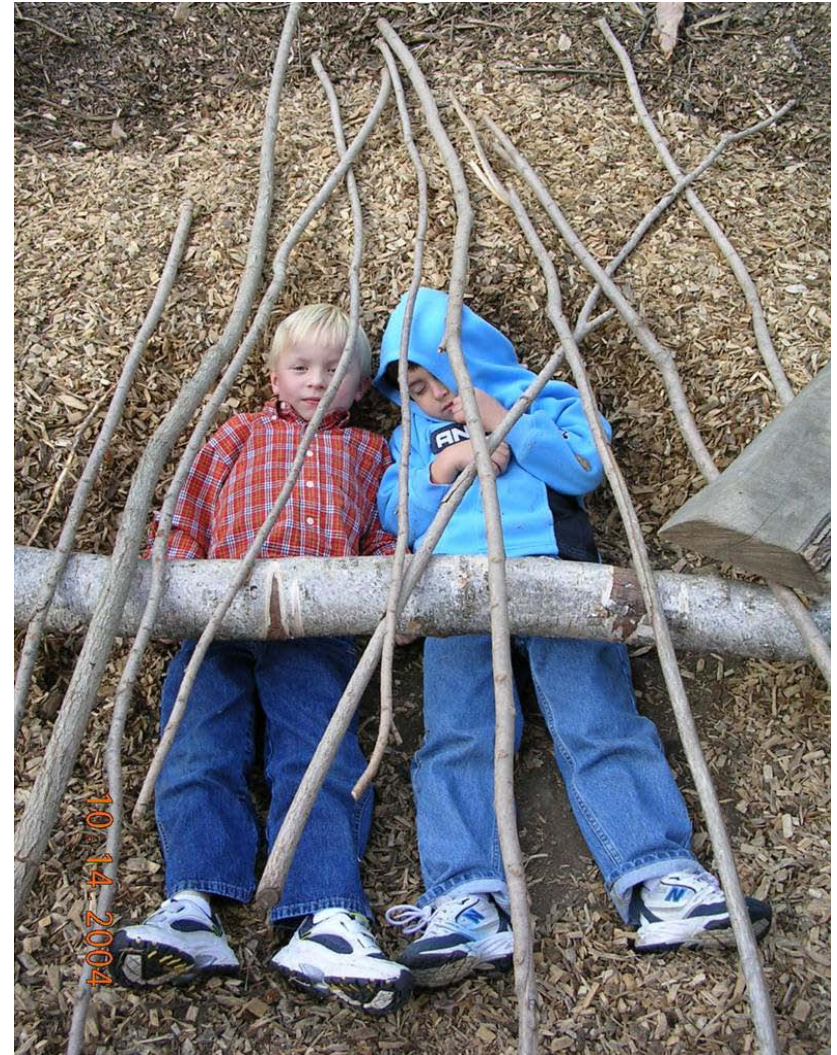


They extend the indoor learning environment to the outdoors.

Discovery Play



Constructive Play



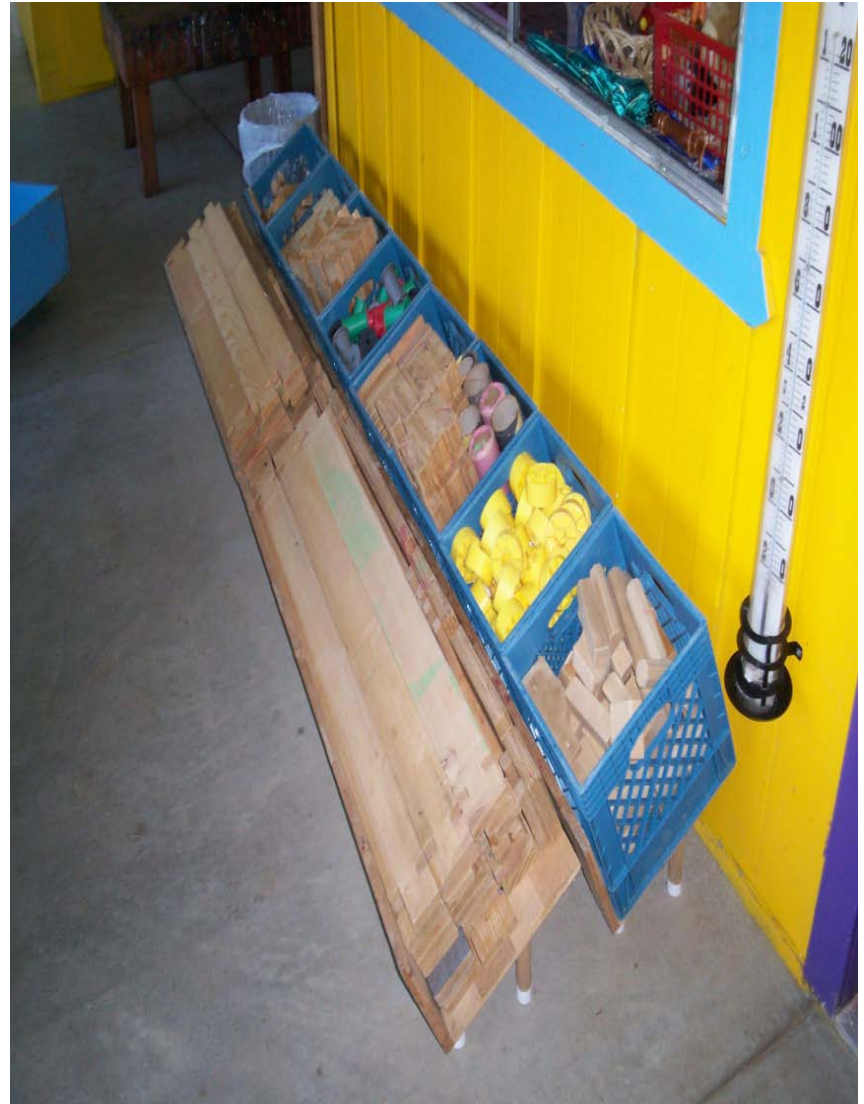
Dramatic Play



Create Areas for Loose Parts



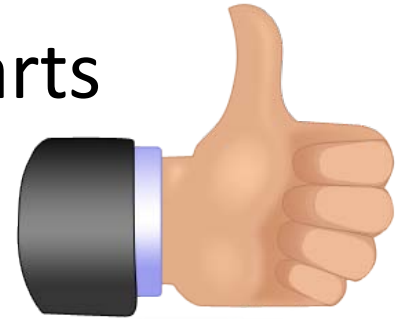
Storage Areas for Loose Parts





4 Keys to Success

1. Provide ample materials for loose parts
2. Provide a rich variety of loose parts
3. Provide areas that encourage constructive play
4. Provide ample storage space & easy access to loose parts





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