

## Loose Parts – A Collection of Ideas



Loose parts allow children to create their own world and their innovation develops critical thinking, problem-solving, mathematical concepts, and so much more. Children can build with them, create solutions to everyday problems, sort them, manipulate them, and turn them in to art.

Have loose parts filling your junk drawer or hiding in the back of closet? We'll take them off your hands! Donations bins will be available throughout the months of November and December in the school lobby.

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# What are Loose Parts?

Loose parts are important to children's play because they encourage imagination, creativity, and play in children in ways that traditional toys do not.

## Synthetic Loose Parts



Tires



Rope



Fabric



Buckets



Pallets



Crates



Baskets



Plastic Tubing



Cardboard Boxes



Tarps



Flower Pots



Ice Cube Trays



Kitchen Items & Utensils



Spools



Plastic Bottles

## Natural Loose Parts



Logs



Leaves



Stones



Pinecones



Sand



Sticks



Rocks



Shells



Flowers



Stumps



Wooden Pieces or Blocks



Hay/Straw Bales



Water



Seeds/Nuts



Grass