

# PLANNING FOR LOOSE PARTS PLAY

1. (optional) identify a cross-curricular or thematic connection (i.e. children's interests, children's literature connection) to inspire your loose parts station:

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2. Identify 3-5 loose parts you will pull together for this station:

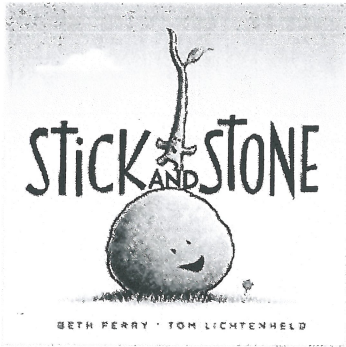
Item	Quantity

3. What are some of the reasons you chose these loose parts?

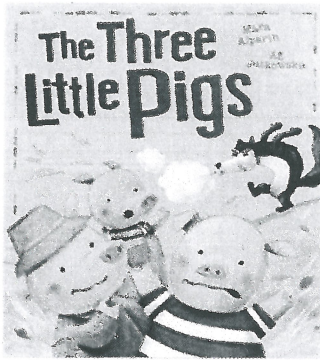
## Picture Books that Invite Children to Create with Loose Parts

Books

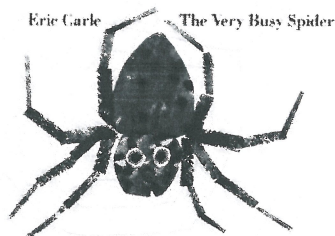
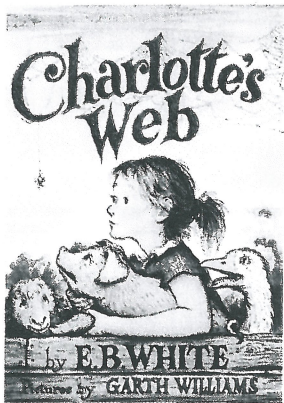
Loose Parts Recommendations



Sticks  
Stones  
Pinecones  
Tree cookies



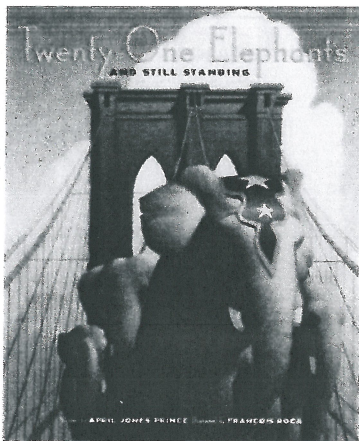
Sticks  
Straw  
Glue  
"Bricks"  
Play Dough



Yarn & Sticks  
Pipe Cleaners  
String  
Ribbons for Weaving  
Plastic Spiders



Trays with pictures of The Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh  
Different colored Glass Pebbles organized by color  
Colorful Buttons  
Dark Construction Paper  
or  
Light Table



Mini Solo Cups  
Tongue depressors  
Popsicle Sticks  
Wooden cubes  
Rulers  
Basket of Mini elephants or animals



Round Cork Boards/Trivets,  
Small tree cookies, or  
Wooden empty frames (for faces)  
Yarn  
Buttons  
Corks  
Pebbles

Various Eric Carle Books

Tons of colored paper pieces in a large tray  
Glue Sticks  
Paper or stapled blank books

## Loose Parts Storytime Booklist

### Books

### Loose Parts Recommendations

*Stick and Stone* by Beth Perry and Tom Lichtenheld

sticks, stones, pinecones, tree cookies

*The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner (or any *Three Little Pigs* variation)

sticks, straw, glue, "bricks", play dough

*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle (or any Eric Carle book works well)  
spiders

yarn, sticks, pipe cleaners, string, ribbons, plastic

*Katie Meets the Impressionists* by James Mayhew  
paper

colored glass pebbles, colorful buttons, dark construction

*Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing* by April Jones Prince

mini solo cups, tongue depressors, popsicle sticks, wooden cubes. Rulers, mini elephants or animals

*I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem* by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell

round cork boards/trivets, small tree cookies, wooden empty frames (for faces), yarn, buttons, corks, pebbles

*Box Meets Circle* by Aaron Hartline

tons of colored paper pieces in a large tray, glue sticks, paper or stapled blank books

*Not a Box and Not a Stick* by Antoinette Portis

cardboard boxes, sticks

*Pattern Fish* by Trudy Harris

multi-colored tissue paper scraps

*The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs

Cotton balls, cups, buttons, pom poms, fabric, yarn

*The Three Billy Goats Gruff variations*

Building materials for bridges, etc.

*Any Construction books!*

Flour, beans, pasta, different types of vehicles

*If You Find a Rock* by Peggy Christian

stones

*Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert

leaves, natural items found off trees, flowers, bushes, etc., sticks