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**Informational Guide**

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**I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullan**

Supporting Books:

Egg by Kevin Henkes

If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff

*Where Are You by Sarah Williamson*

Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker

**Explore**

Questions:

1. Who do you think it is?
2. What clues is he giving you to use to guess who he is?
3. Have you seen a truck like this?
4. Why do we need trucks to collect the trash?
5. Where does trash come from?
6. Why do they crush the trash?
7. Is his alphabet soup something you would want to eat?
8. What do you think all that stuff smells like?
9. What’s in your trash?
10. Where does all the trash go?

Manipulatives:

* Marbles
* Blocks

***Not Provided:***

* paper towel rolls
* toilet paper rolls
* wrapping paper tubes
* tape
* solo cups

Talk about how a lot of these things are trash. Let the children explore the materials and, working in groups of 4-6 with a parent or helper, design a marble maze. What works? What doesn’t? Why?

**Create**

Box trucks

Cover boxes with wrapping paper, using the materials provided, design a truck.

Supplies:

* Shoe
* tissue and other small boxes
* TP rolls
* wrapping paper
* markers
* buttons

**Share**

What kind of truck did you make? What does it sound like? Smell like? Where will it go?