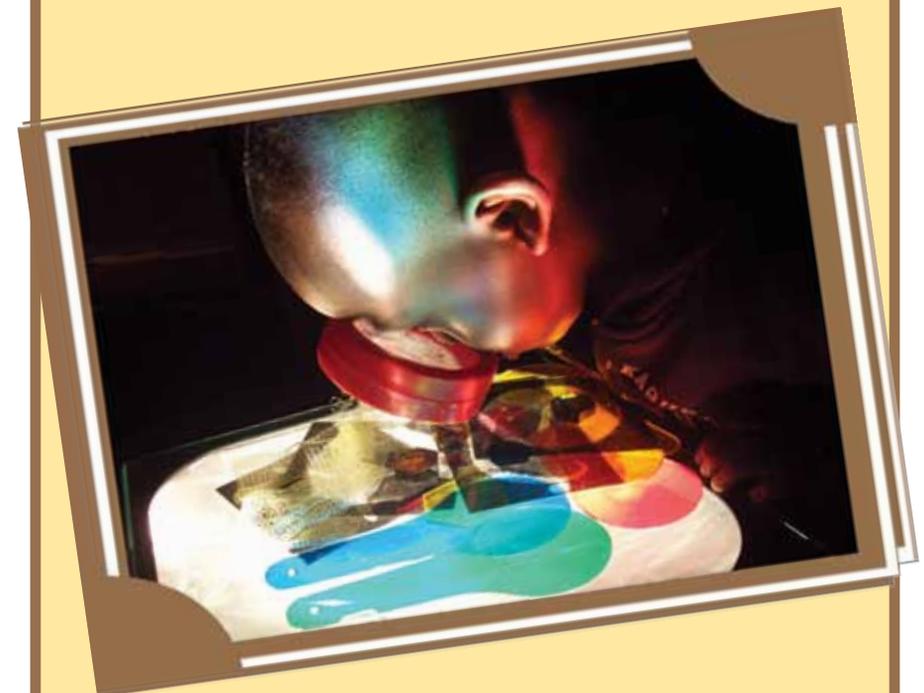




Union Public Schools

Welcome to Materials Collection
at the Rosa Parks
Early Childhood Education Center...

...Where environment is key to learning
and children explore countless possibilities
in even the most common objects!



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Material Collection's Purpose

Research concludes children learn a great deal from their environment, especially when they are aware of all it has to offer them. At the Rosa Parks Early Childhood Education Center, we work with parents and students on the the study of materials and focus on five main ideas:

- ❖ How do we develop a better understanding of materials and how they are used?
- ❖ How do we organize collected materials in and out of the classroom?
- ❖ How can we present materials thoughtfully in both storage areas and classrooms to encourage creative play?
- ❖ How can we use materials to support our investigations?
- ❖ How do we enhance children's experiences with materials?

The purpose of our materials collection is to inspire and encourage everyone to look at objects with new eyes; to see average everyday materials in a more creative way.



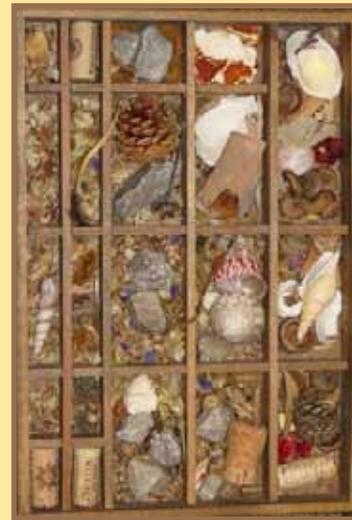
Clay

A natural earthy material used in building and sculpting. Using wire cutters, a clay board, clay tools, and authentic objects creations emerge supporting a multisensory experience.

Chandelier

Using wire, ribbon, and other materials to hang beads, sequins, feathers, and other reclaimed objects to decorate an everyday object.

After a chandelier is finished it is gifted to the classroom or hall so all can enjoy its beauty.



Collage

A way to create your own representations using a variety of different, interesting, recycled, and reclaimed materials.



How You Can Get Involved

Before tossing something into the trash, think to yourself, "Can this object be used in my child's classroom?" If so, we encourage you to place it in the bags we have provided and bring them to our collection space at the entrance of the school!

Feel free to ask us more about our emphasis on materials and how beneficial we believe it is for your child.

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