

# Sharing!

When we take out our sharing box, anyone who has contributed to it that day will have a chance to discuss it with everyone else. Before having your child bring an item to school please be sure that he/she understands that it must be an okay thing for them to share, and that means letting others touch it and examine it.

The sharing categories are:

Things from Nature Shells, rocks, driftwood, flowers, leaves, vegetables, fruits, bones, fur, bugs, a live pet. Realistic animal models (not toys like purple plastic horses or pastel stuffed animals)

Something You Made Paintings, craft items, playdoh sculptures, boxes, wire, etc. Homemade books. Or materials to share with others to make a craft item (like aluminum foil, q-tips, wrapping paper, boxes)

Musical Instruments, Music, Things from Other Cultures An instrument to show or play. A favorite tape or CD for dancing or singing. A song or dance a child has made up. Costumes or objects from another culture. Objects from the culture of your family, even if it's not an "exotic" culture.

Photos A new brother or sister, a postcard from a trip, pictures from a special event, old photos, pictures from a magazine or newspaper.

Scientific/Mechanical A tool that displays a scientific or mechanical principle (magnet, gyroscope, ruler, magnifying glass, etc.)  
A realistic model or toy of a machine.

Books Nature reference books, stories from other countries, good children's literature, maps, atlas's, diagrams of how things work, games. (Let's avoid commercial and "supermarket" books like Disney books of movies, Barbie, CareBear, Pokemon,, Sesame Street, Berenstain Bears, etc. - they're fine, but let's challenge kids to find other interesting books for school)