

Preschool Field Officer Program: A Box Can Be Many Things.....

WHAT YOU NEED

- A large cardboard box
- Small cardboard boxes
- A washing basket
- Storage container

Children don't always need REAL items to play with. A block could become a car, or a phone. A stick could become a fishing rod or a microphone.



WHAT YOU COULD DO

- Your boxes, washing basket or storage container could become anything that you wanted it to become. It could be a car, a Rocketship, a boat, a castle, a bed for a doll. The ideas are endless when we encourage our imagination.

WORDS & PHRASES TO ENCOURAGE

- Join in with your child's play.
- Become a character who adds depth to the storyline. For example, a pirate or an astronaut.
- If your child creates a car you could be the passenger. "I would like to visit the shops. Can you drive me please?"
- If your child has created a rocket you could be the ground crew and uses terms such as, "it's 10 seconds to blast off. 10,9,8 7 etc."
- Prompt the conversations with your children and ask questions to broaden their imagination and play.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Pretend play fosters creativity I children as they create storylines and play scenes.
- They use their imagination to explore the world around them and their place in it.
- Children may role play about events and experiences they have been a part of or heard about.
- Imaginative play allows children to explore and express their feelings and to try out different ideas.