



Let's Find Out About It: Hardware Store

Standard Connection:
ELA.RL.PK4.4a
ELA.RI.PK4.10
M.MD.PK4.1
M.MD.PK4.2
SS.OW.PK4.3

Enduring Understanding(s):

- As individuals and as a group, family members use their senses to observe and interact with their environment.

Essential Question(s):

- How do you find the resources, information, and support to solve your problems?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Peter's Chair</i> • items from a hardware store (screws, keys, light switches, etc.) • images of hardware stores (see Resources) • non-fiction books about hardware stores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tools: a handheld device used to build or repair items • supplies: the amount needed • clerk: one who works in sales • customer: one who purchases something • hardware store: a place that sells tools 	

Let's Find Out About It:	
Preparation: <i>Set up materials.</i>	
<p>"In <i>Peter's Chair</i>, Peter and his father bought supplies at the hardware store to paint Susie's chair."</p>	<p>Show illustrations.</p>
<p>"Here are images of hardware stores. What do you notice?"</p>	<p>Show Images. Children Respond.</p>
<p>"A hardware store sells paint, like Peter and his father needed, but also tools- things that help people do work. You can buy big tools like rakes and shovels, and smaller tools like screws and nails. What do you notice?"</p>	<p>Show tools.</p>
<p>"Clerks work at hardware stores. How do clerks help customers?"</p>	<p>Show images.</p>

Using this as a Provocation:

If appropriate, put tools from the hardware store in Science and Puzzles (Manipulatives) for children to explore and to strengthen fine motor abilities.

Ask children what items from a hardware store could be used to repair or maintain areas of the classroom (screwdrivers to tighten loose screws in tables, paint and paintbrush to paint the wall).