

Add & Enhance - "Off to the Fair"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Off to the Fair." Feel free to add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. Please see our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program.

ART AREA

- Wood scraps (for sanding & painting)
- Fabric scraps
- Modeling clay (e.g., Model Magic®)
- Farm animal sticks
- Recyclables (e.g., empty food boxes, plastic water bottles without lids, margarine tubs, etc.)
- Index cards



DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP

- Plush farm animals
- Plastic fruits & vegetables
- Tickets (see p. 37 of the Teaching Guide)
- Music
- Cardboard boxes (for making rides)
- Pictures of fair foods (locate on the Internet, print out, mount to heavyweight paper and cut out)
- Purses and wallets
- Play money (see p. 36 of the Teaching Guide)
- Blue ribbons (see p. 34 of the Teaching Guide)

BLOCKS

- Pretend tools (hammer, saw, etc.)
- Wooden blocks
- Plastic or plush farm animals
- Toy tractors and wagons

LITERACY & WRITING

- Books about agricultural fairs
- Index cards (for making tickets)
- Farm animal stickers
- Advertisements for fairs (find on the internet and print out)



GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)

- Riding toys and wagons
- Tickets (see p. 37 of the Teaching Guide)
- Recorded music (e.g., square dance)
- Materials for making fair games (see p. 21 of the Teaching Guide for suggestions)
- Stick horses (see p. 9 of the Teaching Guide)



MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH

- Building sets with gears (see p. 19...for ages 3+ only)
- Books about agricultural fairs
- Play money (see p. 36 of the Teaching Guide)
- Water table with plastic farm animals and/or plastic fruits & vegetables
- Sand table, funnels, water (for making pretend funnel cakes)
- Lacing cards