

Dear Lochside Community,

Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms have been taking part in Story Workshop throughout the year. Story Workshop is a play-based, storytelling process that involves loose parts and story setups to ignite student's curiosity and engagement in telling stories using story elements. Their stories can depict imaginative places but can also reflect their own lives and cultures.

In efforts to allow many students' cultural identities to shine through in Story Workshop settings, we are requesting donations of cultural artifacts that will be used in Story Workshop at our school.

Please keep in mind that these items:

- Will not be returned to the family
- Will be played with by students age 4-7 so should not be easily broken
- Will be handled by students and incorporated into their story set ups so will be placed on floors or many different surfaces

Some examples of cultural items that could be useful would be:

- Scarfs
- Pieces of fabric
- Interesting buttons
- Candle holders
- Placemats
- Bowls
- Masks
- Beaded items
- Small baskets
- Woven items

Examples of objects:



Thank you for your support with this opportunity to highlight the many vibrant cultures at Lochside. There is a labelled clear bin placed outside of the Learning Commons where you can drop-off these items.

Kind regards,
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Learning Commons Teacher