

URSULINE ACADEMY

Dear Ursuline Families,

We're thrilled to share that we have launched a *Tinker Lab* in our Early Childhood program! This imaginative space will invite our youngest learners to explore, build, create, and discover through hands-on activities and open-ended materials.

The Tinker Lab will spark curiosity, encourage problem-solving, and inspire collaboration—all through the joy of tinkering and play. To help us bring this space to life, we're inviting our Ursuline families to keep an eye out for everyday items that might otherwise end up in the recycling bin or junk drawer. One person's clutter could be another child's creative masterpiece!

We're looking for **clean, safe, and gently used materials** such as:

Around the House:

- Cardboard tubes (paper towel or toilet paper rolls)
- Small boxes (cereal, tissue, or shoe boxes)
- Bottle caps and lids
- String, ribbon, or yarn
- Buttons and beads
- Fabric scraps or felt
- Egg cartons and plastic containers
- Corks and popsicle sticks
- Scrap paper, cardboard, or old greeting cards
- Child-safe kitchen utensils (spatulas, whisks, measuring spoons)

From the Garage or Workshop:

- Nuts, bolts, and washers (no sharp edges, please)
- Small wood scraps (smooth and splinter-free)
- PVC pipe pieces or connectors
- Zip ties, twist ties, or bungee cords
- Wire spools or string reels
- Clean paint stirrers
- Tape rolls (duct, painter's, masking)
- Unused hardware (hinges, knobs, brackets)

Small Machines & Gadgets (for supervised exploration only):

- Old keyboards, remote controls, radios, clocks, phones
- Hand-crank flashlights or fans
- Battery-powered toys (no batteries, please)
- Calculators, label makers, or simple gear-based gadgets
- Parts from broken appliances (toasters, mixers, etc.—with cords removed)
- Motor and Battery Pack

Safety first! Please ensure all items are clean and free of sharp edges, glass, leaking batteries, or hazardous materials.

Items can be dropped off at the front office, and I'll collect them from there. We'll be gathering supplies throughout the month as we transform this space into a world of wonder.

Thank you for being part of this exciting new adventure in joyful, hands-on learning!

Thanks for your contribution,

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