



## Artifacts from the Past

*Activity - Look at/discuss items from the past*

*Supplies:*

Multiple historic artifacts divided onto trays.

Themes can include: school, kitchen, laundry, tools, gardening, toys & games.

*Method:*

Circulate trays of artifacts around to between tables. Children must guess what they are for. When all have made a prediction, older persons explain what the artifact is and how/when it was used.

*Suggestions:*

Museums are a good source to borrow artifacts from.

Remind children that older items need to be handled with care.

Extension: find modern equivalent and see if children can match items (for example typewriter and computer.)

*Intentions:*

Learn about the past by provoking memory and rich conversations.

*Curriculum Links:*

Social Studies, Oral Language, Prediction

*Story:* Grandma's House, A. Melvin

*Song:* If You're Happy and You Know It  
Clap Your Hands.

*Snack:*

Cooks choice.

*Conversation Starters:*

Who has seen these items before?

What were these items used for?

Who used them?

When were they used?

What do we use now to do the same job?

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