

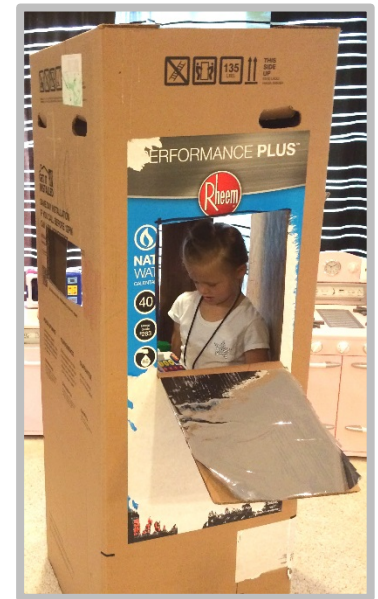
Preschool Let's Play: Our Own Spaceship

Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to use imitation and symbolic representation, as well as demonstrate use of creativity and imagination in learning and play.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ Large cardboard box (for the spaceship)
- ▶ Materials to decorate box (writing utensils, aluminum foil, stickers, paint, or whatever you have at home)
- ▶ Flashlights
- ▶ Backpacks
- ▶ Water bottles
- ▶ Pretend food
- ▶ Binoculars
- ▶ Blankets
- ▶ Large boots covered in aluminum foil



Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction:

Directions:

Step 1: Decorate your “spaceship” however you like. Cut out doors/windows, add writing to your ship by creating a name for it. Make it your own!

Step 2: Play! Keep play open-ended and allow your child to take on any role he chooses. Add a variety of props (above are some examples) to enhance play. This activity can last throughout the week, and beyond!

Extensions: You may also want to provide clip boards and markers for children to take notes while “measuring” how much fuel they have, how far they've gone, etc.