

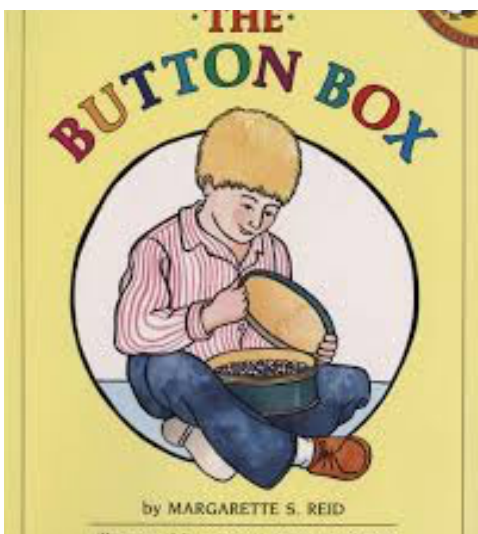


# COLLECTING YOUR BEAUTIFUL STUFF

*Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves  
Listening and speaking helps us explore, share and develop our ideas  
Language and stories can be a source of creativity and joy*

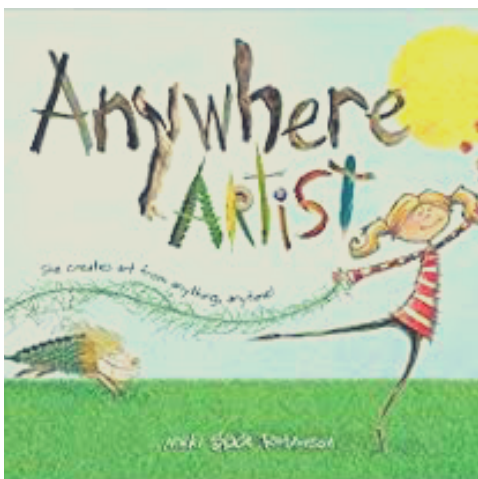
## GATHER MATERIALS

- Look around your home for small objects that you think are interesting and not being used (like recycling or left over craft supplies). These things will become your *Beautiful Stuff Collection* which we will use over and over again to tell stories and more (see *counting collections math activity 1*).
- Some ideas for your collections can be : beads, buttons, costume jewelry, broken jewelry, ribbons, yarn, feathers, metal and plastic things, corks and bottle caps, lids from jars or felt pens, old keys, screws and bolts, string, wire, twist-ties, shells, clothespins, etc.
- Go on walk with your family to collect *Beautiful Stuff from Nature* such as fallen acorns, maple seed pods, leaves, rocks, or sticks.
- Sort your collection of *Beautiful Stuff*, and think about how you might store them and keep them organized.



## LISTEN & IMAGINE

- Listen to Hanna's Collections
- Listen to The Button Box
- Watch a group of children collecting stuff outside
- Now imagine what *beautiful stuff* you can collect from around your home or neighbourhood.



## GO BEYOND

- Listen to Anywhere Artist. Create art anywhere! What kind of artist are you? Are you a forest artist?
- Describe your creations. Try using alliterations like, "lacey leaves" or "salty shells".