

# Letter to Families

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Dear families,

Children are often curious about bags and enjoy exploring the bags they see people use. You may have seen your child open a bag and take out its contents or put a purse on their arm and say “bye-bye” as they pretend to go somewhere. We’ve noticed children filling bags, carrying them, and opening and closing their zippers. The children’s curiosity about bags has inspired us to introduce a study of bags.

We need your help gathering a collection of bags for the children to investigate. We’ll need many different types of bags. Here’s a list of suggested items, but you may also send in items that are not on the list. Many of the items can be shared with another class at the end of the study. Please label with your name any items you would like returned to you. We’ll take good care of them so we can return them to you at the end of the study.

luggage	messenger bags	tote bags	trash bags
backpacks	fanny packs	gift bags	treat bags
purses	duffel bags	packing cubes	zip-top bags
reusable grocery bags	briefcases	laundry bags	makeup bags
clutches	doctor’s bags	diaper bags	sandbags
drawstring bags	rolling luggage	garment bags	lunch bags

As we study bags, children will develop fine-motor skills as they open, close, and fill bags; math skills as they compare bags’ sizes; cognitive skills as they sort, explore, and use bags with curiosity and imagination; and literacy skills as they notice the words and logos on bags.

## What You Can Do at Home

Notice the welcome activity set up each morning for you to engage in with your child. These activities reflect what we are currently learning and investigating in the classroom. Look for similar materials at home that you can explore with your child, such as bags you use for grocery shopping. Invite your child to explore the bags. Talk about what they look like and how you use them.

Draw your child’s attention to bags you use frequently, such as shopping bags, purses, backpacks, and tote bags. Talk with your child about how you use the bags and show what the bags carry.

Thank you for being a part of our study and our learning!