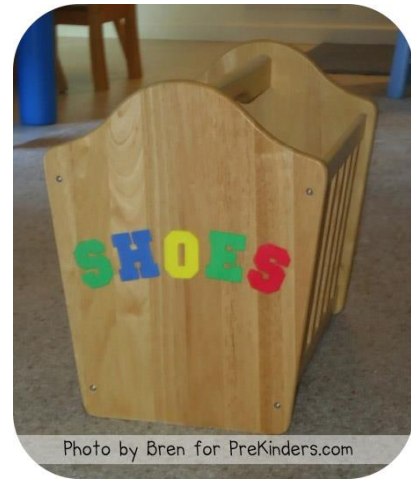


# SHOE STORE DRAMATIC PLAY FOR TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

<https://www.prekinders.com/preschool-shoe-store/>

The Shoe Store provides opportunities for the toddlers and preschoolers to expand their vocabulary, practice social skills and fine motor skills, as well as explore math concepts.



The Shoe Store “sells” various types of shoes: soccer shoes, boots, swim shoes, party shoes, slippers, getas (Japanese shoes), ballet shoes, etc. There's a row of small chairs for customers, a cash register with play money and a mat for measuring feet. The mat was made from a solid colored inexpensive rug. Using a permanent marker, I traced around four shoes and labeled them A-D from smallest to largest.

To keep the Shoe Store organized I put pictures of the shoes on the shelves. To include a bit more math, some of the shoes are in shoe boxes. I have a picture of the shoes on top and a number on the box that matches a number on the shelf.

A magazine holder labeled “SHOES” provides a place for the preschoolers to put their shoes while they're shopping.

You can find shoes at the thrift stores in great condition or ask parents to donate shoes.

## Books about Shoes:

New Shoes, Red Shoes, by Susan Rollings  
A Pair of Socks, by Stuart J. Murphy (good for patterns)  
The Foot Book, by Dr. Seuss  
Busy Toes, by C. W. Bowie  
Shoes From Grandpa, by Mem Fox  
Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin

**This activity relates to Infant/Toddler DRDP: Spatial Relationships-COG 1, Classification-COG 2, Number Sense of Quantity-COG 3, Cause & Effect-COG 8, Language & Literacy-LLD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Fine Motor Manipulative Skills-PD-HLTH 4**