



Let's Find Out About It: Beautiful Stuff

Standards:
CA.VA.PS.1 - 5



Materials:

- *The Little Red Hen Makes A Pizza*
- *A Letter To Amy*
- variety of recycled and natural materials
- small paper bags
- family letter resource

Vocabulary:

- recycle: use again
- beautiful stuff: recycled and natural materials
- Illustrate: to create a picture
- natural: not made by men

Preparation: Gather materials. Create a simple sculpture from *Beautiful Stuff* (include natural and recycled materials) as an example. Attach the family letter on the side of small paper bags.

Let's Find Out About It:

"We read *The Little Red Hen Makes A Pizza* and *A Letter To Amy*. What do you notice about the **illustrations**?"

"You know from making collages that Amy Waldron and Ezra Jack Keats combined different materials to create the **illustrations**. What do you notice?"

"Instead of throwing away materials like _____, artists sometimes **recycle** them- use them again- to create **illustrations**. Sometimes artists use **natural** materials like sticks and rocks. These materials are called *Beautiful Stuff*. We used *Beautiful Stuff* in our classroom when we made _____. Where could we find *Beautiful Stuff* for us to use in our classroom?"

"Here are paper bags for you to take home to gather **natural** and **recycled** materials for *Beautiful Stuff*. Here is a letter to your families that explains *Beautiful Stuff*."

Show illustrations.
Children respond.

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Point to materials.

Children respond.

Show paper bags and family letter.