Automotive Dramatic Play

Dramatic play is an important part of children's development. In their play, they are expanding on language skills, learning new vocabulary, problem solving, and turn taking.

Help your child set up a auto repair shop. They can make a car out of boxes and items around the house, or use a bike or large vehicle they may already own.

Try these ideas to expand on their play:

- This is a great opportunity to expand your child’s vocabulary by incorporating words relating to vehicles.
- If your child enjoys dressing up, use an old oversized shirt as coveralls.
- Have your child make an open and closed sign for their shop to promote early writing skills.
- For a literacy activity, print out the car repair report for your child to use. This promotes back and forth communication.
- Ask your child what they would like to add. Perhaps they want to recreate a carwash, or maybe they’d like to drive their stuffed animals around in their box car. Follow their lead!