

HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

Investigation 4: Getting Things to Move

In science class we have been studying things that move. We have investigated things that roll, like balls, wheeled toys, and other round objects. We are also interested in other kinds of motion—swinging (pendulums and play swings) and spinning (pinwheels and fans).

Take a few minutes to tour your home with your student to make a list of objects and systems that display one or more classes of motion. Talk about how things move.

Another activity you could engage in together would be to look through some catalogs and newspaper advertising circulars for images of moving objects—home appliances (mixers, blenders, clothes washers and driers), tools (drills, saws, and sanders), and toys (skateboards, wagons, bicycles, etc.). Cut out the images and make a “things that move” collage to take to school to share.