STORY TIME DESCRIPTION
Have you ever created a fairy house in the woods or your backyard? You’ll be inspired to get outside and do just that after listening to *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane. What do you think will happen if you did build a house for fairies? Let’s go on a fairy house exploration with Kristen as she discovers the magic of fairy houses!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
- **Build A Sturdy Fairy House:** You will find images of sturdy fairy houses and suggested materials for building them to last.
- **Make a “Fairy” Interesting Discovery with a Box:** Children’s Garden staff Mitra collects natural materials on the tree trail at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Watch this Children’s Garden Check-In to see how these materials can be used to build a fairy house.
- **Make a Fairy Wand:** Learn how to create a fairy wand using a stick and some craft materials.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES
- **Natural Start Alliance:** Magic, Wonder, Science and Exploration: The Educational Value of Fairy Villages is an article on the importance of imaginative play written by Kit Harrington.
- **Fairy Houses:** Visit www.fairyhouses.com for ideas, resources and much more.
- **Fairy Dust Teaching:** Fairy Dust Teaching has great ideas and ways to use loose parts.
- **Inspiring Play: Loose Parts:** Redleaf Press highlights the four books by Lisa Daly and Mariam Beloglovsky that focus on loose parts play.
- **Move Trailer:** Watch the movie trailer to *Fairytale: A True Story* based on the story of two children who see’s fairies in their garden.

GUIDING QUESTIONS
- If you were a fairy what would you like your house to look like?
- If you were a fairy where would you like to live?
- What natural materials would you use to build a fairy house?
- What else would you like to build for fairies?
RELATED CHILDREN’S BOOKS

- *Goodnight Fairies* by Kathleen Hague
- *The Dollhouse Fairy* by Jane Ray
- *Flower Fairies Magical Doors* by Cicely Mary Barker
- *Magical Secret Garden* by Cicely Mary Barker
- *Alice the Fairy* by David Shannon
- *The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Fairies* by Ammi-Joan Paquette
- *In My Fairy Garden (An ABC Book)* by B. Mondragon Jones
- *The Fairy House Handbook* by Liza Gardner Walsh
- *The Night Fairy* by Laura Amy Schlitz
- *Children of the Forest* by Elsa Beskow
- *Fairy Houses...Everywhere!* by Tracy Kane
- *The Fairy Houses Trilogy: The Complete Illustrated Series (The Fairy Houses Series)* by Tracy Kane
- *Fairy Houses: How to Make Amazing Fairy Furniture, Miniatures, and More From Natural Materials* by Debbie Schramer