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Research started by looking into areas of similar interest such as daycares, childrens hospitals, nursing homes, child safety, and psychological effects.



Nursing homes are another example of a place trying to look and feel like a home. We looked into the types of furniture and layouts that are used in the newly constructed modern nursing homes. The products that are used can be cleaned easily and have a simple construction.

for daycares was aimed at finding what type of wall treatments, colors, and materials in flooring, toys, and safety equipment are used to create a fun, inviting atmosphere. The findings were that most daycares use bright colors and fun shapes to convey a fun child-like environment. Most things such as flooring and wall edges are covered in a soft material that is safe and easily cleaned. Flooring is usually in sections that can be replaced easily.

The research done for children's hospitals was aimed at finding out how these child-specific places cater to children and their families. We were looking for specific color schemes and themes used frequently. We found that bright cheery color schemes were used in almost every children's hospital. Some rooms were themed in order to encourage the child's imaginations and make them feel more comfortable in the space. Frequently, lounge areas are incorporated into play spaces so that they children are occupied while they are waiting for their appointments.

Looking into a variety of child safety products and guidelines, we found that there are many products to enhance safety and security within the home. These range from simple fixes such as door locks to installations such as lower handrails on staircases. We also found that involving the child in the making of a few simple rules helps to make the child follow the rules more efficiently because they feel that they had a say and were able to compromise as opposed to having strict rules set for them.

## Primary Objectives

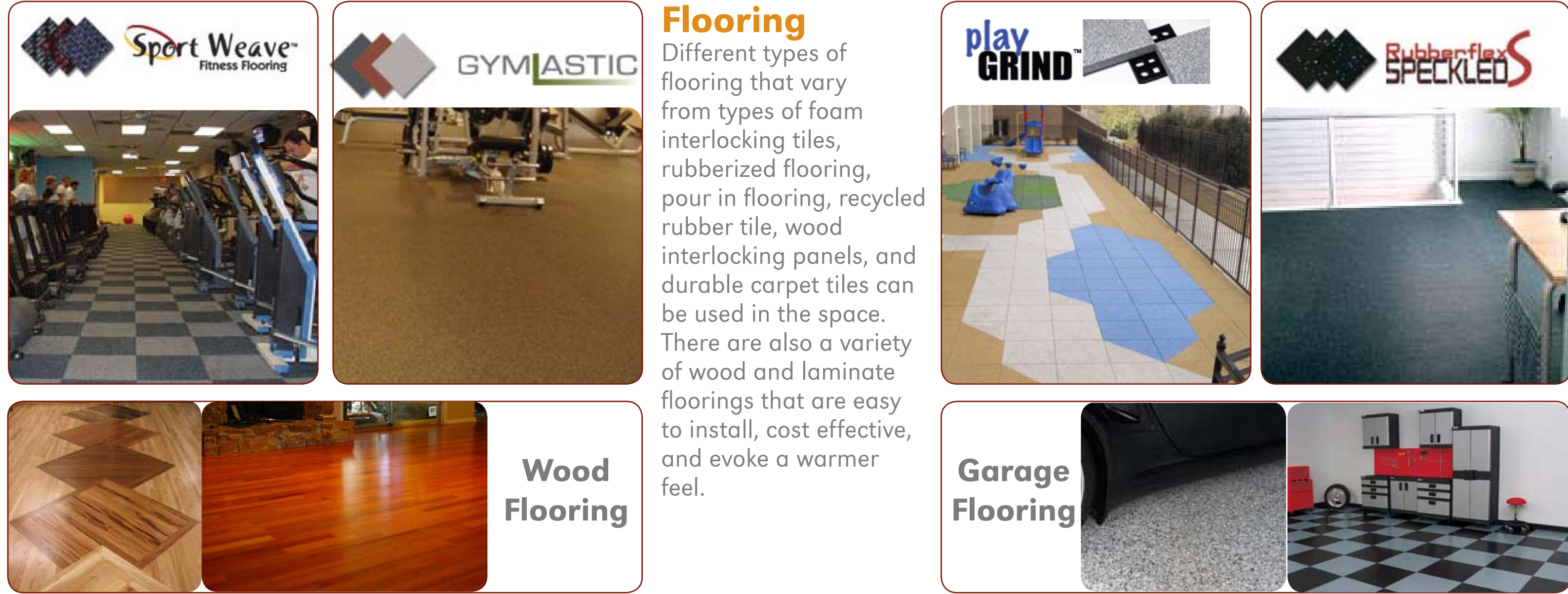
- Better incorporate life skills lessons into all facets.
- Use store to better teach life skills.
- Optimize space within the cafeteria to be useful for more activities.
- Specify furniture that creates an adaptable enviroment.

## Secondary Objectives

- Make the overall atmosphere feel like a “home”
- Consider child safety and psychology
- Incorporate appropriate color schemes
- Create a more comfortable and inviting environment

To ensure the maximum space efficiency, modular tables and chairs have been researched with emphasis on the compactability of each product. Chairs that can be stacked, folded, and nestled all have been considered for the final design. With the current tables being stationary, the mobility of the new furniture is essential.

Different types of flooring that vary from types of foam interlocking tiles, rubberized flooring, pour in flooring, recycled rubber tile, wood interlocking panels, and durable carpet tiles can be used in the space. There are also a variety of wood and laminate floorings that are easy to install, cost effective, and evoke a warmer feel.



High chairs and booster seats vary in size and shape which greatly effects storage capabilities for a multi-child household. Collapsability and stacking features were very important considerations when creating an organized space.

