Operant conditioning can be a powerful way to modify another person's behavior. Accordingly, operant conditioning techniques have been widely applied in child-rearing.

Imagine that a friend of yours, who has a small child, asks you to apply what you have learned in your General Psychology class to help him out with a behavior problem. Specifically, his daughter, Suzy, doesn't put her toys away after she is done playing, she leaves them scattered about and your friend finds himself cleaning up after her. Your friend would like to train Suzy to pick up her toys after she is done playing with a minimal amount of effort on his part.

What specifically would you advise your friend? Your answer should include a description of the kind of reinforcement and what type of reinforcement schedule that you would recommend. In addition, explain why you choose your recommendation(s).

Approximate length: 1 – 2 pages.

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