

Title: Life Play Grocery Store

Age Group: Preschool

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Type of Activity: Dramatic

Materials:

Box Food:

- Empty food boxes
- Velcro

Canned Food:

- Smooth-edge can opener, or 220-grit & 1000-grit sandpaper, or metal file
- Empty food cans
- Packing tape

Mock Chicken Pasta:

- Pompoms
- String or wool
- Wooden beads or dry pasta
- Scissors

How to Do it:

Boxes: Attach Velcro to box opening to allow children to close and reopen

- Fill boxes with string or wool (noodles), pompoms (cut veggies) & wooden beads (chicken pieces)

Cans: Use a 'smooth-edge' can opener and dispose of the lid

- Empty contents of can and thoroughly wash

- * If you do not have a 'smooth-edge' can opener, you can sand the rim of the can with a 220-grit sandpaper block and then smooth with a 1000-grit

- Wrap tape around paper logo to prevent tearing

- Extend tape over can rim for added protective barrier. Add loose items to cans to mimic contents.

- Place play food on a shelf and tape paper price tags to sell at your child's pretend store

Root Skill / Extension:

Social: 1.6 Co-operating & Cognitive: 4.3 Representation

Dramatic play encourages children to problem solve with their peers, express themselves, and learn to self-regulate by emulating real-life scenarios.

Extend the learning: You can support children's math skills by adding props like a calculator, price tags and play money. Your child can take on a role as cashier and read the numbers on the food price tags and count play money as they punch the numbers into the calculator.

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