



Words in the Kitchen

While children are playing in the Dramatic Play center, join in the fun! Have menus from restaurants in the community, recipe books, and food boxes with their original labels for children to use during pretend play. Point to the words as you read them. Talk about how the words tell you what's served at the restaurant, the directions for each recipe, or the ingredients in the food.

More Support: Model and narrate how you might use menus or recipe books during pretend play.

Discuss Print as Useful and Important

“Are you going to serve me lunch? Yum... let me read the menu so I know what choices I have.”

“This says the burger will have cheese and ketchup on it. Do you like ketchup on your burgers?”