



Zoo Commissary Dramatic Play

Learning Objectives

Students will be better able to:

- Take on the role of a Zoo worker to prepare food for animals
- Follow multi-step directions to prepare food for animals
- Use picture clues to prepare meals for different zoo animals
- Practice fine motor skills like chopping, cutting, weighing, etc.

Materials needed:

- scissors, glue, 3-ring binder to make the recipe book (optional), laminating pages (optional), 3-hole punch (optional)
- stuffed animals, play food, and kitchen utensils for play

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Assemble your Commissary Cookbook

For each copy of your cookbook, follow these steps:

1. Print off pages 3-7, including multiple copies of page 4 (the recipe page). Make sure to print one for each stuffed animal in your classroom.
2. Cut and glue the pictures from pages 5-7 onto your recipe pages based on which animals you have in your classroom and what steps you want your students to follow.
3. Laminate, hole punch, and place recipes into a 3-ring binder.
4. Make multiple cookbooks to provide multiple students opportunities to play the role of a Commissary Worker.

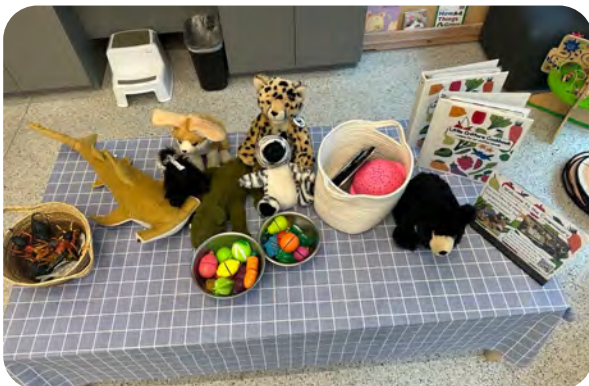


Two recipe pages pre-assembled.
The one on the left is for a rabbit and the one on the right is for a lion.



Set up your Commissary Dramatic Play Area

- Assemble materials ranging from: play food and kitchen tools such as knives, colanders, pots, pans, plates, tongs, scales, etc.
- Arrange the materials in a way that encourages your students to use the cookbook and follow multi-step directions.



Little Critters: Nature Play classroom tables set up as a Zoo Commissary.



Commissary Cookbook

recipes for our stuffed animals



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Can you make the
animal's food?

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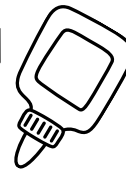


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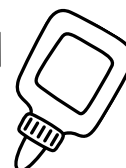


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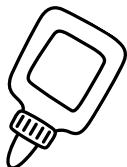


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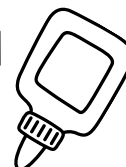


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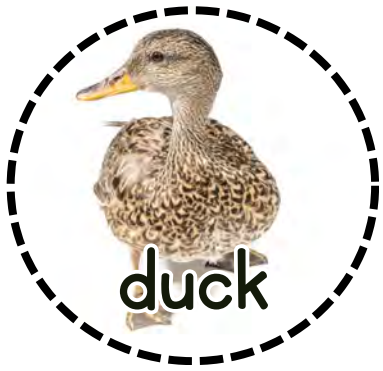
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Animal Pictures

 Cut out and  glue pictures onto recipe page to match the animals you have in your classroom. Each animal can have its own recipe page.



Have your students use their imagination! Don't have a wolf in your stuffed animal collection? Use a dog or puppy. Don't have a sand cat? Use another kitten or cat. You can also take photos of your own stuffed animals and glue them onto the recipe pages.

Action Pictures

 Cut out and  glue onto recipe page to match the kitchen tools you have in your classroom.



wash



scoop



wipe



pick up



cut



rinse



chop



cut



weigh



scrub



blend



mix



mash



boil



cook



stir

Animal Food Pictures

 Cut out and  glue onto recipe page to match the play food you have in your classroom.



apple



orange



banana



broccoli



spinach



pumpkin



insect



bamboo



mango



okra



insect



cabbage



egg



papaya



meat

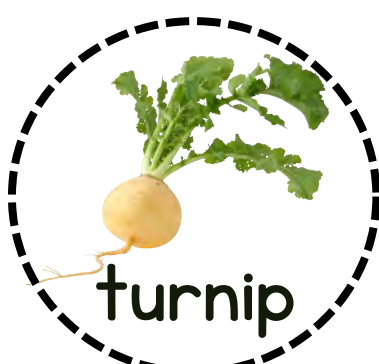
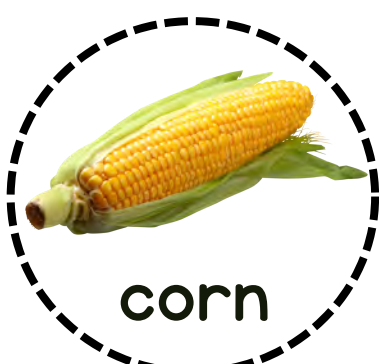
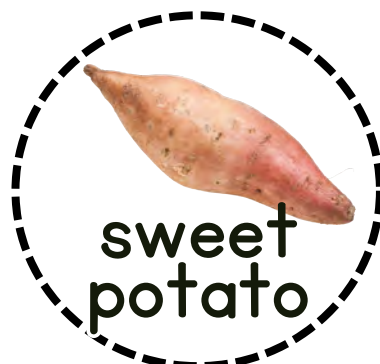
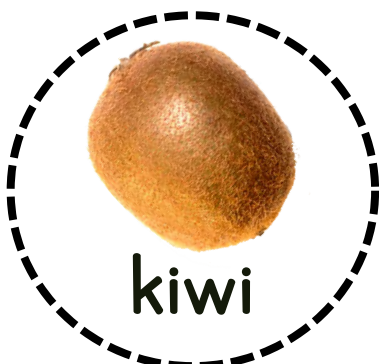
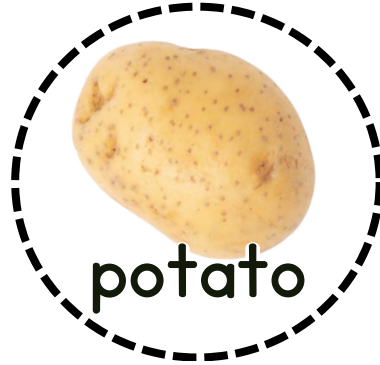
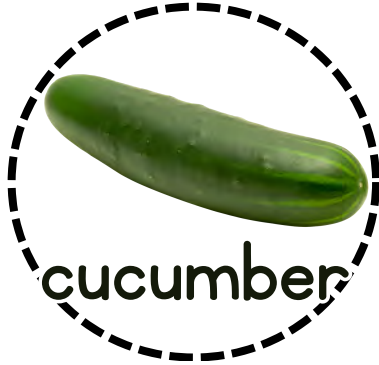
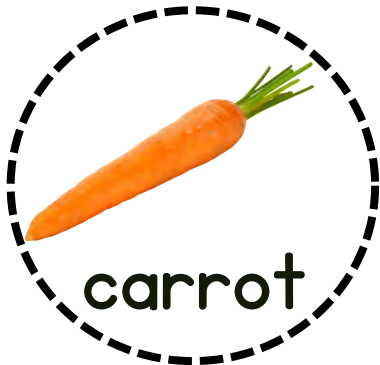


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