

Dramatic Play Plan

Grocery Store

MATERIALS

- ✓ Signs
- ✓ Grocery shelves stocked with various foods
- ✓ Cash register
- ✓ Paper bags
- ✓ Aprons
- ✓ Shopping baskets
- ✓ Ads/ coupons
- ✓ Table*
- ✓ Refrigerator*
- ✓ Shelves/pantry (use the classroom)

SETUP

1. Turn dramatic play area into a grocery store: put up signs “produce”, “dairy” etc. near relevant shelves
2. Make a checkout with a cash register, conveyer belt, and bags
3. If available, put shopping baskets or carts near “entrance”

ROLES:

- Shoppers
- Cashier
- Bagger

*= Not Provided. Use your imagination.

Intro: “Once upon a time, a mom opened the fridge and realized she was out of food! “Oh no!”, she said, “I need to go grocery shopping! “ She didn’t have anything to make for dinner. What do you think she should make for dinner? What foods does she need to buy to make that? The mom made a list of all of the foods that she needed to get from the store. Then, she left to go to the grocery store to find all of her ingredients for dinner!”

ACTIVITY 1 – Make a shopping list

The shoppers can put together a shopping list while the cashier and bagger finish setting up the grocery store.

ACTIVITY 2 – Shop!

- The cashier and bagger can help answer the shoppers’ questions as they go around the grocery store looking for their food items.
- The shopper can use coupons in the circulars to look for deals.
- The cashier and bagger help the shopper check out and go home.
- Expansion: The grocery store is out of something, or something is rotten/expired.

ACTIVITY 3 – Clean up

Pretend that the shopper has arrived home, and must now put all of the groceries away. Make sure everything gets back to the right place!