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--- Albert Einstein ---

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General Dramatic Play Info

What is Dramatic Play?

Dramatic play permits children to fit the reality of the world into their own interests and knowledge. One of the purest forms of symbolic thought available to young children, dramatic play contributes strongly to the intellectual development of children (Piaget, 1962).



General Dramatic Play Info

Dramatic Play is a Daily Requirement for Children!

Dramatic play is absolutely open-ended, and through this nature of open-endedness, children cannot fail. They just grow and learn according to where they are in their own development.

These are a few of the many benefits to Dramatic Play.

- **Intellectual Benefits** – As children play out the situations in their lives (or in their pretend lives), they are met with situations they do not understand. Children can practice problem solving skills and build new knowledge.
- **Physical Benefits** - Children grow physically as they rearrange (gross motor) the large elements (table, chairs, cradle) of the interest area and as they manipulate (fine motor) contents (food boxes, dolls, clothes, and hats) of the area.
- **Social/Emotional Benefits**- As children are negotiating all the situations inherent in dramatic play in a group setting, they feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. When children feel safe and protected, they can play out situations that are troubling them.

Dramatic Play: A Daily Requirement for Children By Linda G. Miller, Ed.D - Earlychildhoodnews.com

General Dramatic Play Info

A Few Guidelines for Dramatic Play Areas:

How often should I let the kids play in the Dramatic Play area?

Daily! Kids need to use their imagination and pretend daily. Most children do so on a regular basis, but it is great for them to play with their peer group.

How often should I change the Dramatic Play area?

Anywhere between 2 weeks and once a month. Keeping things fresh in the classroom will spark creativity in your little ones. Kids will enjoy acting out many roles. If you find they love a particular theme, bring it back a few months later. I bet you'll be surprised at how their play has changed with the same theme.

Where should I set up the Dramatic Play area?

Your dramatic play area should be a modestly sized area in your classroom. Not too big, but definitely not too small. You should plan for 3 to 6 children to play comfortably. Kids need to be able to move around without bumping into one another or the furniture. The Dramatic Play area can be a little loud at times, so it would be best next to the block area or an art area, but not by the book or quiet areas.

What should my Dramatic Play area include?

Having carpet or an area rug would be an awesome addition to your Dramatic Play area. It softens the noise and makes things feel comfy and homey. The furniture you will use may depend on the theme you have set up. A few must-haves are: a mobile storage shelf, table and chairs, and an Imagination Station. Dress-up carts, kitchen sets, and sensory tables are awesome too!



Early Learning Standards for Children

Early Learning Standards are all the BUZZ in Early Childhood Education! Here are a multitude of “outcome standards” for what young children (ages 3 to 5) should be learning. These standards will also be listed on each idea slide.

- Appreciate their own and other cultures. (Idea #1 and #2)
- Children show interest and curiosity in counting and grouping objects and numbers. (Idea #3)
- Develop an understanding of location, place, relationships within places, movement, and region. (Idea #4)
- Compare sets of equal, more, and fewer and use the language of comparison. (Idea #5 and #26)
- Children develop the ability to interact with peers respectfully, and to form positive peer relationships. (Idea #6)
- Understand basic concepts of scientific inquiry – Rubric: Uses tools to gather information. (Idea #7)
- Show curiosity by asking questions and seeking information. (Idea # 8, #12 and #14)
- Children use their fingers and hands in ways that develop hand-eye coordination, strength, control and object manipulation. (Idea #9)
- Children participate positively in group activities. (Idea # 10 and #11)
- Demonstrates control, balance, strength and coordination in gross motor tasks. (Idea #13)
- Decoding and word recognition begin when a child understands that there is a relationship between letters and sounds, and that letters put together form words. (Idea #15)
- Children can tell the relationship between food and health. (Idea #16 and #17)
- Children increase their understanding about how basic economic concepts relate to their lives. (Idea #18, #25 and #30)
- Describe simple geometric shapes. (Idea #19)
- Develop awareness of the world around them. (Idea #20)
- Phonological and Phonemic awareness. (Idea #21)
- Children develop knowledge of sequence and temporal awareness. (Idea #22 and #23)
- Select and participate in physical activity during unscheduled times. (Idea #24)
- Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction, and persistence. (Idea #27)
- Listen to a wide variety of age appropriate literature read aloud. (Idea #28)
- Use pretend writing during play activities (e.g. scribbles lines and shapes) (Idea #29 and #31)

IDEAS, IDEAS, IDEAS!



I. Asian Flavor Restaurant

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC 2-in-1 Kitchen
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- Placemats
- Paper plates
- Chop sticks
- Pretend sushi rolls (fun foam hot glued into round circles)
- Take out boxes
- Menus
- Cash register
- Toy money
- Paper pads for taking orders

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Kids love it when they have a real menu to look at. Ask a local Asian restaurant for take out menus to add to your center.



Learning Goal: Appreciate their own and other cultures. (Social Studies Standard pg. 86)

2. Beach Day!

Items Used:

- JC Sensory Table (filled with sand)
- JC Sensory Mat
- JC Step Rocking Boat
- JC Dress Up Island
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- Beach fabric for tablecloth
- Fishing toys
- Sand and water toys for sensory table
- Beach towels
- Water shoes and flip flops
- Life jackets
- Leis
- Grass skirts
- Sun glasses
- Empty bottles of sunscreen
- Decorative palm trees
- Shells
- Magnifying glasses

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Include non-fiction books about sea life. Kids will love the pictures and this will add more language to their pretend play. Watch out for great white sharks!



Learning Goal: Appreciate their own and other cultures. (Social Studies Standard pg. 86)

3. The Big Dipper- Ice Cream Shop

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback chairs
- Cash register
- Play money
- Empty ice cream containers
- Pretend cones (you can make your own using cardboard and burlap)
- Pom-poms or painted Styrofoam balls for the ice cream
- Ice cream scoopers
- Sprinkles that have been hot glued shut
- The Big Dipper sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add the sign for this Ice Cream Shop. Kids can pick their flavor and cone size. It also has the prices, this makes for a nice pre-math skill (all signs are shown at the end of the idea slides).



Learning Goal: Children show interest and curiosity in counting and grouping objects and numbers. (Mathematic Standard pg. 48)

4. Camp Wilderness Campground

Items Used:

- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- Child size tent
- Sleeping bags
- Camp chairs
- Flash lights
- Real logs
- Tissue paper for fire
- Binoculars
- Stuffed animals
- Sticks with marshmallows (brown pipe cleaner with white fun foam)
- Maps
- Camp sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add maps to your camping center and encourage little ones to find a trail, river or lake to camp by.



Learning Goal: Geography: Develop an understanding of location, place, relationships within places, movement, and region. (Social Studies Standard pg. 84)

5. Chef Jeff's Kitchen

Items Used:

- JC 2-in-1-Kitchen
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback chairs
- JC Housecleaning Set-n-Rack
- Play food
- Kid's cook book
- Play dishes
- Kitchen rug
- Curtains
- Apron

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add a kid's cook book or laminated recipes with pictures for kids to follow by adding ingredients to their cooking creations.



Learning Goal: Compare sets of equal, more, and fewer and use the language of comparison. (Mathematics Standard pg. 52)

6. Country Market

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Super-Sized Single
- Cash register
- Toy money
- Shopping baskets
- Toy fruit & vegetables
- Empty food boxes & containers



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add sale flyers and coupons from a local food market.

Learning Goal: Children develop the ability to interact with peers respectfully, and to form positive peer relationships. (Social/Emotional Standard pg. 100)

7. Creepy Crawly Bug Center

Items Used:

- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Multi-Purpose Rectangle Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- Bug Center sign
- Bug journal
- Magnifying glasses
- Microscope
- Pretend or real insects
- Insect pavilion
- Scale & balance
- Play laptop
- Non-fiction insect books
- Insect photos



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Kids will love to draw pictures of the insects they find in a nice Bug Journal. Be sure to provide colored pencils, crayons or markers to make for accurate drawings.

Learning Goal: Understand basic concepts of scientific inquiry – Rubric: Uses tools to gather information. (Science Standard pg. 68)

8. Dr. Feel Betters' Medical Clinic

Items Used:

- JC Space Saver Multi-Play Screen
- JC Blue Couch
- JC Coffee Table
- JC Doll Changing Table
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Revolving Literacy Tower
- Play telephone
- Books (I used books about bodies)
- Play laptop
- Doctor's kit
- Dolls
- Lab coats (I made mine from a pillow case)
- **Empty** medicine containers
- Non-latex gloves
- Appointment book

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add calendars, appointment books, & play laptop for ample ways for little ones to make their appointments.



Learning Goal: Show curiosity by asking questions and seeking information. (Science Standard pg. 64)

9. Gifts Galore Wrapping Center

Items Used:

- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC Multi-Purpose Rectangle Table
- Wrapping paper
- Scotch tape in a dispenser
- Children's scissors
- Ribbon and bows
- Markers
- Gift tags



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Gift tags will be a great addition to this center. Kids will love writing names and attaching them to their hand wrapped gifts.

Learning Goal: Children use their fingers and hands in ways that develop hand-eye coordination, strength, control and object manipulation. (Physical Development and Health Standard pg. 110)

10. Good Manners Tea Party

Items Used:

- JC Dress Up Island
- JC 2-in-1 Kitchen
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- Dress up clothes, purses, gloves, hats
- Toy tea set
- Play food

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Have your little ones write out and deliver invitations to their Good Manners Tea Party.



Learning Goal: Children participate positively in group activities. (Social/Emotional Standard pg. 98)

II. Happy Birthday Party!

Items Used:

- JC 2-in-1 Kitchen
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- JC Housecleaning Set-n-Rack
- Round table
- Party table cloth
- Birthday hats
- Toy plates
- Pretend cake and cupcakes
- Invitations
- You could add play dough and candles

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Have your little ones write out and deliver invitations to their Birthday Party.



Learning Goal: Children participate positively in group activities. (Social/Emotional Standard pg. 98)

12. Head to Tails Animal Hospital

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Blue Couch
- JC Coffee Table
- JC Doll Changing Table
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- Play telephone
- Stuffed animals
- Books (I used books about animals)
- Play laptop
- Doctor's kit
- Lab coats (I made mine from a pillow case)
- **Empty** dog treat bag
- Non-latex gloves
- Appointment book

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add calendars, appointment books, & play laptop for ample ways for little ones to make their appointments.

Make sure to have a large supply of non-fiction animal books on hand.



Learning Goal: Show curiosity by asking questions and seeking information. (Science Standard pg. 64)

13. Heals & Deals Shoe Store

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Dress Up Island
- JC Super-Sized Single
- Cash register
- Play money
- Shopping baskets
- Shoes, purses, hats
- Shoe boxes



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add a phone and phone book to the Shoe Store. Encourage children to look up numbers and dial them.

Learning Goal: Demonstrates control, balance, strength and coordination in gross motor tasks. (Physical Development Standard pg. 108)

14. Kinder-Cuts Beauty Salon

Items Used:

- JC Super-Sized Single
- JC Imagination Station
- JC Multi-Purpose Rectangle Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chair
- Cash register
- Play money
- Play telephone
- Appointment book
- Calendar
- Beauty salon toys
- Empty bottle of shampoo, mousse, etc...
- Mirrors

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add calendars and appointment books for little ones to make their appointments.



Learning Goal: Show curiosity by asking questions and seeking information (i.e. How would you like your hair?) (Science Standard pg. 64)

15. Little Readers Library

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Pick-a-Book Stand
- JC Revolving Literacy Tower
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- JC Blue Chair
- Play laptop
- Wide variety of books
- Library cards

Early Literacy Recommendation:

This center is all about literacy! Make sure to add a wide choice of books. Board books, fiction books, non-fiction books, and even magazines and books on tape. Kids will love it and you will too!



Learning Goal: Decoding and word recognition begin when a child understands that there is a relationship between letters and sounds, and that letters put together form words. (Communication and Literacy pg. 38)

16. Love A Lot Daycare Center

Items Used:

- JC Space Saver Multi-Play Screen
- JC Doll Changing Table
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Rocking chair
- JC Doll Bed
- Daycare sign
- Dolls
- Empty lotion bottles
- Toy bottles
- Empty diaper & wipes containers
- Blankets

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add baby board books for little care takers to read to their dolls.



Learning Goal: Children can tell the relationship between food and health (i.e. feeding babies) (Physical Development Standard pg. 114)

17. Mama Mia's Pizza Shop

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC 2-in-1 Kitchen
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- Cash register
- Play money
- Table cloth
- Play food – pizza
- Toy Pizza pan
- Toy Pizza cutter
- Play dishes
- Apron
- Note pad for taking orders
- Mama Mia's Pizza sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Mama Mia's Pizza sign shows children the sizes and prices of pizzas. It also shows children a picture and word of their topping choices.



Learning Goal: Children can tell the relationship between food and health. (Physical Development Standard pg. 114)

18. Movies & More

Items Used:

- JC Space Saver Multi-Play Screen
- JC Single Unit Storage Shelf
- JC Revolving Literacy Tower
- Empty kids movie cases
- Movie posters
- Empty snack boxes or containers
- Cash register
- Toy money
- Movie cards for checking out movies

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Movie posters add a fun and realistic props to your Movie Store. Children will feel wonderful when they can read the title of the movies on the posters and the cases.



Learning Goal: Children increase their understanding about how basic economic concepts relate to their lives. (Social Studies Standard pg. 82)

19. Mr. Fix-It's Small Engine Shop

Items Used:

- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Workbench
- Real mechanic's tool
- Toy tools
- Tool belt
- Empty motor oil containers
- Air hoses
- Overhauls
- Construction hat or mechanic's hat
- Small engine (ask a local small engine shop if they would donate an engine to your school- make sure it is safe for little ones)
- Small Engine sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add a lawn mower or motorcycle manual to your dramatic play area. Little ones will love to look at the pictures and put something together like the directions show them.



Learning Goal: Describe simple geometric shapes. (Mathematics Standard pg. 50)

20. Out of this World Space Station

Items Used:

- JC Multi-Purpose Rectangle Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chairs
- Play laptops
- Large box covered with tin foil – door cut in the back of box

Early Literacy Recommendation:

The play laptops will be a great addition for letter recognition. You could also add some satellite maps printed from Google Earth . The kids will love to see what the Earth looks like from the moon.



Learning Goal: Develop awareness of the world around them. (Social Studies Standard pg. 84)

21. Preschool American Idol

Items Used:

- JC Super-Sized Single
- JC Dress Up Island
- Musical instruments
- Dress up clothes, hats, shoes
- Kids music CD
- Microphone or a karaoke machine
- Preschool American Idol sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Be sure to add a sign up sheet for children to perform. They can sign their name on a numbered sheet and pick out their song!



Learning Goal: Phonological and Phonemic awareness. (Communication and Literacy Standard pg. 36)

22. Scrubby Dubby Dish Washing Center

Items Used:

- JC Sensory Table
- JC Paint Drying Rack
- JC Sensory Mat (A must have for non-slip floors!)
- Clothes pins
- Toy dishes
- Warm water
- Hypo-allergenic dish soap
- Dish towels
- Dish rags
- Sponges



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Make a laminated poster of the proper dishwashing steps. Be sure to add pictures with your directions.

Learning Goal: Children develop knowledge of sequence and temporal awareness. (i.e.. Steps to washing dishes) (Mathematics Standard pg. 58)

23. Splish Splash Car Wash

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- Cash register
- Play money
- Sponges
- Squeegees
- Empty containers of car cleaner wipes
- Car wash sign
- Riding toy (Cozy Coupe)
- Streamers hung from dowel (plastic streamers work best!)
- Open sign



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Car wash poster tells children which types of car washes they can choose from.

Kids could also have fun making their own license plates from card stock and fun foam number and letter stickers.

Learning Goal: Children develop knowledge of sequence and temporal awareness. (i.e.. Steps to washing a car) (Mathematics Standard pg. 58)

24. Smokey the Bear's Fire Station

Items Used:

- JC Dress Up Island
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Castle
- Dress up fire fighter costumes (red shirts)
- Hoses
- Fire hats
- Fire trucks
- Fire hydrant
- Tissue paper for fire in windows



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Ask you local Fire Station for a poster on the steps to Stop, Drop and Roll. Kids can see the pictures and practice this important skill.

Learning Goal: Select and participate in physical activity during unscheduled times. (Physical Developments and Health Standard pg. 106)

25. Stop & Smell The Roses Flower Shop

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Multi-Purpose Rectangle Table
- Cash register
- Play money
- Play telephone
- Shopping baskets
- Flower pots
- Styrofoam pieces
- Plastic vases
- Gardening gloves
- Seed packets
- Silk flowers
- Open sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add seed packets to your flower shop and have the kids match silk flowers to the picture and name on the seed packet.

Add flower gift tags and markers for children to write names on.

Learning Goal: Children increase their understanding about how basic economic concepts relate to their lives. (Social Studies standard pg. 82)



26. Super Suds Laundromat

Items Used:

- JC Laundry Combo
- JC Ironing Board and Iron
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC Paint Drying Rack
- Laundry baskets
- Clothespins
- Towel or socks for hanging up
- Empty laundry soap containers
- Laundromat sign

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Include a chart that has instructions for washing clothes. Have pictures of towels and instructions that they should be washed in hot water. Color code the word HOT with red letters. Then have pictures of socks and instructions that socks should be washed in COLD water, use blue letters for the word cold.



Learning Goal: Compare sets of equal, more, and fewer and use the language of comparison. (Mathematics Standard pg. 52)

27. Surf's Up – Surf Shop

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Step Rocking Boat
- JC Dress Up Island
- Cash register
- Play money
- Snow or surf board
- Life jackets
- Swim suits
- Swimming goggles
- Water shoes

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Have fun rental agreements little ones can sign their names on. Include pictures of the items for rent and have the child circle the ones they are choosing.



Learning Goal: Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction, and persistence. (Social/Emotional Standard pg. 94)

28. The Three Little Bears

Items Used:

- JC 2-in-1 Kitchen
- JC Housecleaning Set-n-Rack
- JC Multi-Purpose Round Table
- JC KYDZ Ladderback Chair
- JC Blue Chair
- JC Rocking Chair
- Sensory table cover
- Blue cushion off JC Blue Couch
- JC Doll Bed
- Teddy Bears
- Toy dishes



Early Literacy Recommendation:

It is important to read Goldilocks and the Three Bears at circle time before this area is introduced so children know the story sequence. Kids love it when you overemphasize your bear voices!

Learning Goal: Listen to a wide variety of age appropriate literature read aloud. (Communication and Literacy Standard pg. 32)

29. Tim's Cool Tool Shop

Items Used:

- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Workbench
- Real carpenter's tools
- Toy tools
- Tool belt
- Tool apron
- A variety of blocks
- Overhauls
- Construction hat
- Tape measure

Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add carpenter's pencils and a note pad for children to draw out plans or write numbers down with their measuring.



Learning Goal: Use pretend writing during play activities (e.g. scribbles lines and shapes) (Communication and Literacy Standard pg. 40)

30. Tots Toys – Toy Store

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC Mobile Single Storage Unit
- JC Super-Sized Single
- Cash register
- Toy money
- Shopping baskets
- Variety of toys



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Add a flyer from Toys R Us or another toy store. Kids will like to see even more pictures of toys.

Learning Goal: Children increase their understanding about how basic economic concepts relate to their lives. (Social Studies Standard pg. 82)

31. US Postal Office

Items Used:

- JC Imagination Station
- JC 24 Paper-Tray Cubby (you could use a wine box from a local grocery or liquor store too)
- Play laptop
- Letters & cards
- Envelopes
- Mail carrier dress up clothes
- Mail bag
- Postal Office sign



Early Literacy Recommendation:

Children will love to write their own letters. Add a table next to the Postal Office with plenty of paper, writing tools, envelopes, old address labels and stickers that resemble stamps.

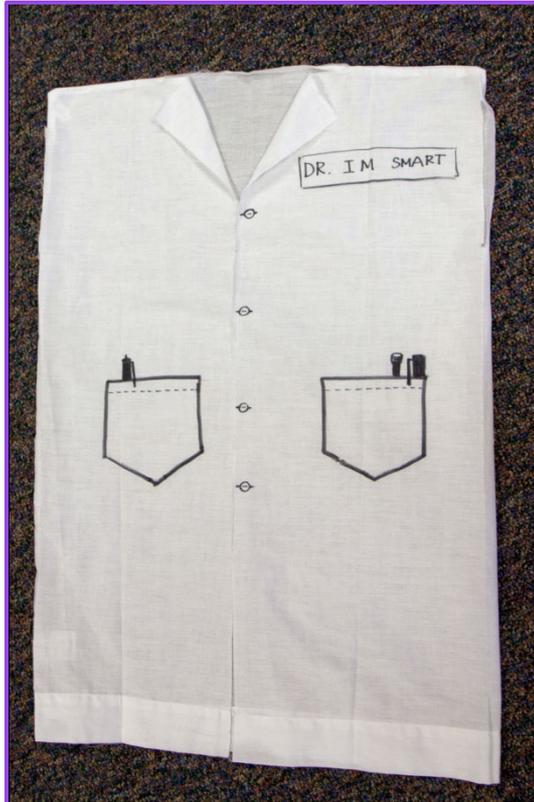
Learning Goal: Uses pretend writing during play activities (e.g. scribbles lines and shapes). (Communication and Literacy Standard pg. 40)

Dramatic Play Props & Signs



Dramatic Play Props

Lab Coat



I bought an inexpensive pillow case and cut it up the middle and a little on the top seam. I also cut small slits for arm hole on the side towards the top. Then I used a permanent marker to decorate. You could serge the edges to make it last longer.

Appointment books and journals



I bought these composition notebooks for 25 cents each. I then printed the titles on cardstock and glued them onto the cover. Kids will love them!

Dramatic Play Props

3 bears ears



I used two colors of brown fun foam and glued them together in the shape of bear ears. I then cut four slits in the bottom edge of the ears and alternated them back and forth to hot glue them onto the headband. Make sure to make 3 different sizes of bear ears!

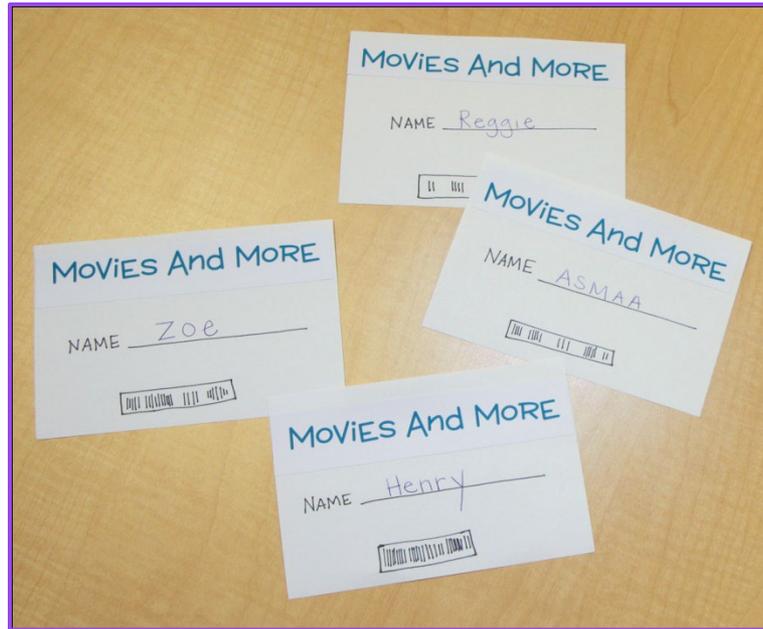
Ice cream cones



I used thicker card stock to roll the paper into cone shapes. Once I had the desired shape, I stapled the cone. Then I trimmed the edges so the cone looked smooth. Finally, I hot glued burlap over the cone. Kids will be asking for ice cream!

Dramatic Play Props

Movie cards



These movie cards just take minutes to make and provide hours of fun. Card stock and laminating will make them look like real and last a long time. You can have kids write their own names before you laminate.

Sushi Rolls



I love the look of these sushi rolls. You will need fun foam and hot glue to make them. Choose your fun foam and cut the foam into long narrow strips. Start with green and roll and glue, add white foam and keep gluing until you have a continuous roll, finally add the black and finish it off.

Dramatic Play Signs



The Big Dipper

Ice Cream Flavors

-  Strawberry
-  Chocolate
-  Mint
-  Lemon
-  Orange



1 scoop	\$1.00
2 scoops	\$2.00
3 scoops	\$3.00

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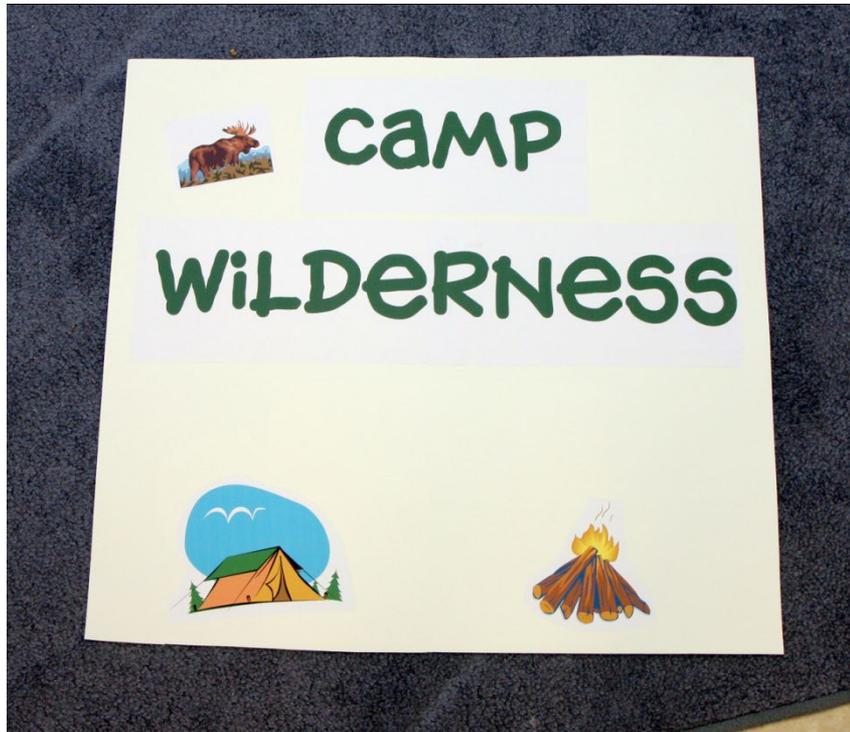
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8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Dramatic Play Signs



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Dramatic Play Signs



A hand-drawn sign for a car wash. At the top left is a yellow car. The text is arranged in three lines: "SPLASH", "SPLISH", and "CAR WASH". Below this is a list of three service levels: "1. PREMIUM", "2. DELUXE", and "3. ECONOMY". To the right of the list is a drawing of a slice of cheese with bubbles. At the bottom right, the word "OPEN" is written in large red letters.

SPLASH
SPLISH
CAR WASH

1. PREMIUM
2. DELUXE
3. ECONOMY

OPEN



A hand-drawn sign for a pizza shop. At the top, the name "Mama Mia's" is written in red and green, followed by "Pizza" in black. Below the name is a small Italian flag. To the right is a list of toppings with corresponding icons: Pepperoni, Sausage, Peppers, Mushrooms, and Pineapple. At the bottom left is a section titled "Pizza Prices" with three options: Large \$10.00, Medium \$ 7.00, and Small \$ 5.00.

Mama Mia's
Pizza

Toppings

- Pepperoni
- Sausage
- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- Pineapple

Pizza Prices

- Large \$10.00
- Medium \$ 7.00
- Small \$ 5.00

Dramatic Play Signs



Jill's Top 10 Dramatic Play Products!



The following items are Jill's Top 10 Dramatic Play Items from Jonti-Craft

Jill's Top 10 Dramatic Play Products!

10 – Doll Changing Table

The Doll Changing Table is great for many dramatic play areas, such as Daycare Center, Medical Clinic, and Pet Hospital. If you are not using it as a changing station it also makes a fabulous small scale storage shelf with tubs. This is especially nice for tight spaces.



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Jill's Top 10 Dramatic Play Products!

9 – Book Shelf



A kids sized book shelf is a must have for little one to browse and choose books. We all know how important books are for accelerated learning. Your dramatic play area may not be the first place you think of to place a book shelf, but it is a terrific area to promote literacy in your classroom.

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Jill's Top 10 Dramatic Play Products!

8 – Living Room Set



This adorable and comfortable living room set makes little ones feel at home. This living room set is perfect for kids to relax and play all at once. The set, or even parts of it, would be a great addition to almost any dramatic play area. Especially those with some sort of home theme or a waiting room component. Kids will love this furniture because it's specially sized just for them!

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7 - Chairs



I know every classroom has child sized chairs, however, chairs are something used in dramatic play, with or with out a table. It is almost essential to have a couple of chairs specifically for your dramatic play area.

They can be used with a wide variety of themes, such as, Chef Jeff's Kitchen, The Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop, any restaurant, Birthday Party, Tea Party, Out of this World Space Station, Kinder-cuts Beauty Salon, Little Readers Library, any waiting room, etc... All the little bottoms in your room will thank you!

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6 – Kitchen Set

A kitchen set is a must have in any classroom or home daycare. Kids love to imitate adults and preparing food is something they see done multiple times a day. A kitchen set is a great component to any home theme, tea party, birthday party or a multitude of restaurant themes. Kids will love pretending to create delicious food for the special people in their lives!



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5 – Dress Up Island



Dressing up is something all children love to do! When they dress up, they truly feel like they are someone else. Educators and children will both love the accessibility to the dress up clothes and even better, clean up is geared for child success!

The easy to reach hooks and spacious shelf above are perfect for lots of items. The mirror on the side is fabulous for a positive self image and eliminates the need for another piece of furniture in your room.

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4 – Sensory Table with Mat



I totally love my sensory table and my students love it even more! If you don't already have one, this is essential for tactile learning and fun in your room! Hands on learning is the way most children learn best. You can add your sensory table to just about any dramatic play theme. The ideas are endless! Please check out these sensory play ideas at www.jonti-craft.com/sensory. You won't regret it! Make sure to include the amazing sensory mat for non-skid floors and easy clean up!

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3 - Play Table

I can't say enough about a great play table. I've had cheap ones in my room that are too small and tippy. Once I got a nice sturdy Jonti-Craft play table, it made a huge difference. Play tables are great for pretending, studying, learning, creating, and working.



Most rooms have great tables in other areas, but the dramatic play area could really benefit from having one too. Kids love furniture just their size as much as we do. It can be used with virtually any theme. You'll wonder why you didn't have one sooner!

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2 – Mobile Storage Unit

If you're like me, when you think of dramatic play furniture, a mobile storage unit doesn't come to mind. I know it sounds weird, but you will use this more than you ever thought possible! I switch my dramatic play area every few weeks, so having a mobile unit (casters for easy moving) is awesome!

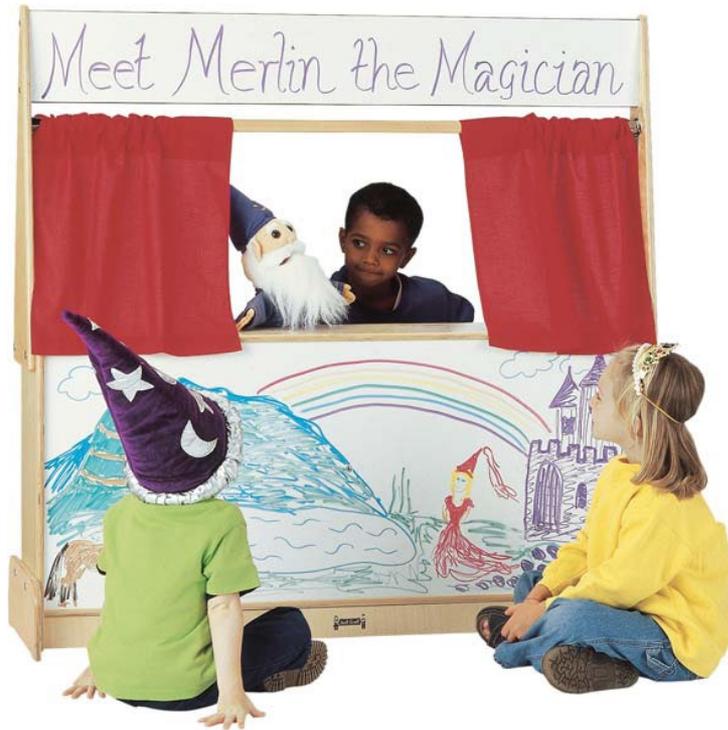


The storage shelf is perfect for all your props and learning tools. Kids will love being able to see things they are choosing to play with and having an organized way to clean it back up when they are through. Do yourself and your students a favor and consider getting a nice mobile storage unit!

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1 – Imagination Station



Imagination Station, the name says it all! Dramatic Play is all about children using their imaginations and the power of pretending! What a lost gift this can be in this age of screens. Jonti-Craft's Imagination Station is so fun to use. The front is perfect for writing about your theme. The back is full of amazing storage and the large top shelf makes a perfect counter for holding cash registers, toy phones, appointment books, play laptops and much more.

You will have the option to purchase curtains too. They are a nice way to show your kids, when the curtains are closed then the dramatic play area is closed. I'm sure you will be amazed at all the possibilities the Imagination Station will uncover!

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