

The programming options are provided to support a range of implementation based upon library staffing and community needs. The materials and activities in the Play K curriculum are meant to support Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood and promote school readiness.

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<p>Playscape Materials</p> <p>Get Ready to Write Gumball Grab</p> <p>Let's go Shopping Cash Register</p> <p>Toddler Safe Food Basket</p> <p>Grocery Set</p> <p>Shop and Chop! Fruit and Vegetable Play Set</p> <p>Books</p> <p>What Happens at a Supermarket? by Amy Hutchings</p> <p>Shopping with Dad by Matt Harvey</p> <p>Stickiest, Fluffiest, Crunchiest by Jane Brocket</p>	<p>Playscape Set-Up</p> <p>Working with your available space, set out and arrange all or some of the materials and books to create an attractive "play corner" for parents and children. Also, display the following parent tips:</p> <p>Tips for Parents & Children</p> <p>1,2,3, Play with Me!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow your child's lead while exploring the different activities and use natural opportunities to extend language and concepts. For example, if your child chooses to start playing with the Let's Go Shopping Cash Register, "Look at this cash register! It has a scanner just like the one at the grocery store. What will you buy today? Let's see what the choices are!" 2. Let your child choose one of the books for you to read aloud. As you share the book, 	<p>Circle Time: Playing Kindergarten!</p> <p>Gather children in a circle to simulate a kindergarten experience. Tell children that storytime today will be a chance to "Play Kindergarten!"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Praise children for how nicely they are sitting with their eyes on you, and tell them that their kindergarten teacher will love to see this when they start school! 2. Explain that in kindergarten there will be rules to follow during Circle Time. One rule we will practice today is to raise your hand and wait to be called on when you want to say something. Assure them that you will remind them if they forget, but that you are sure they will try their best! 3. Go over the calendar with the children as they do in kindergarten, using the "My First Calendar" board. Talk about the day of the week, 	<p>Key Learning Areas Reinforced</p> <p>Passive Program</p> <p>Approaches to Learning Through Play - Constructing, Organizing and Applying Knowledge</p> <p>Language and Literacy - English Language Arts</p> <p>Mathematical Thinking and Expression - Exploring, Processing and Problem-Solving</p> <p>Social Studies Thinking – Connecting to Communities</p> <p>Scientific Thinking and Technology - Exploring Scientific Inquiry and Discovery</p> <p>Creative Thinking and Expression – Communicating Through the Arts</p> <p>Health, Wellness, and Physical Development – Learning About My Body</p>

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	<p>Toca Store.</p> <p>Make the parents aware of the Book-Flix selections that support this theme.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Share the Let's Pretend Cash Register and explain what it is. Involve the children in selecting a food item to "buy" and "ring up" on the cash register. Pretend that money is changing hands and explain that we have to make good choices of how to spend our money at the grocery store. Tell children and parents that this activity will be available for everyone to play with after Circle Time. 6. Briefly preview the book, <i>Shopping with Dad</i>. Ask children if they have ever been shopping with their mom or dad or helped their parents make a grocery list. Briefly model making a list with pictures and words using a dry erase board and markers. State that these materials will be available after Circle Time, also! 7. Read aloud the nonfiction book, <i>What Happens at the Supermarket</i>. Talk about the community helpers who work there and the food choices for shoppers to make. Ask 	

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		<p>children if this store reminds them of the supermarket where their family shops, and ask them to explain why or why not, if it seems appropriate for the group.</p> <p>8. Tell children that there is one more toy they can play with after Circle Time! Briefly model how to play with the Get Ready to Write Gumball Grab and mention to parents that this activity helps build fine motor skills for writing.</p> <p>9. Close circle time with a song, praise the children for trying their best to remember to raise their hand today, and announce the next Play K.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Storytime Option</u></p> <p>TALK</p> <p>Talk about where the foods at the grocery store come from. Choose a variety of the play foods, hold them up one at a time and ask children if they know how this food is grown or where it comes from. Clarify their answers, as needed. If possible, show some pictures to extend their</p>	

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		<p>understanding. Bookflix has a helpful nonfiction selection for pictures: <i>Living on Farms</i>.</p> <p>SING:</p> <p>At the Grocery Store by: Patricia Morrison sung to: A Farmer in the Dell</p> <p>A shopping we will go A shopping we will go See you at the grocery store A shopping we will go Fruits and vegetables Fruits and vegetables Take your pick, fill your basket With fruits and vegetables Nutritious grains and meat Nutritious grains and meat For breakfast, lunch, and dinner too Nutritious grains and meat Milk and milk products Milk and milk products Yogurt, cheese, and ice cream too Milk and milk products At the grocery store At the grocery store Find everything you need and more At the grocery store</p>	

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		<p>READ:</p> <p>Additional books to expand the playscape theme~</p> <p><u>BOOKS – FOOD SHOPPING</u></p> <p><u>https://libwww.freelibrary.org/blog/?postid=1420</u></p> <p><u>Grocery Store Literacy Tips for Parents from Reading Rockets</u></p> <p><u>http://www.readingrockets.org/article/grocery-store-literacy</u></p> <p>WRITE:</p> <p>Create Grocery Store Banners After sharing <i>The Supermarket</i> book, give children paper and markers to create banners for the Grocery Store Playscape. They can make one for Meat, Dairy, Fruit, Vegetables, Cereal, Bread, etc. If you or the parents write the categories for the banners, ask children to help by identifying the first letter of the word.</p>	

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		<p>PLAY:</p> <p>PBS Kids Game Share the Supermarket Adventure Game from PBS Kids. If you have the technology, play the game a little with the children to introduce it to the parents. If not, share the link so children can play at home or in the library.</p> <p>http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/supermarket/supermarket.html</p>	