

Polar Express Dining Car Drama Center Plans

Introduction: Like the story, "The Polar Express" we will be playing like we are traveling on a train going to the North Pole to visit Santa. A **conductor** will be calling out to the children " All Aboard", and asking you, the **passenger** for their tickets to punch. A **waiter** will ask for their food and drink order while on the dining car.

Roles: Phrases to Model

1. **Conductor:** "All Aboard", "May I have your ticket please"
"We are traveling to the North Pole" "This is the Polar Express". " We will arrive in 1 hour!"
" Merry Christmas!"
2. **Waiter:** "May I take your order?" "Would you like to have hot chocolate?" "Would you like to have marshmallows?" "white or chocolate milk?"
"coffee" "What would you like to eat?"
3. **Passenger:** "Where are we going?" "Will I see Santa? Will I see Reindeer?" " Will I get to meet Rudolph and Santa's elves?" "When will I get there?" "How long will this ride be?" "Are we there yet?" "Where is the bathroom?" "I am hungry. May I see a menu?"
"I am thirsty. May I have something to drink?"
"Thank you, this is s-o-o-o good!"

Props:	Reading/Writing Props	Print Labels
*Chairs Seated in Pairs.	Polar Express Dining Car	Tickets; Menu
*Black Foam Conductor hat		
*Hole Puncher for Tickets		
*Silver Creamer on a silver tray;		
*White Foam Cups,		
*Cotton Balls for marshmallows		
*Play Food: deserts (cookies, pie, etc)		

Vocabulary:

Train: toy trains , and one can ride in a real train

Polar (for the north pole- where Santa lives)

Express: really, really fast

All Aboard: Time to sit down

Menu: Shows us what we can eat or drink

Dining Car: Where people eat on a train

Alphabet:

Beginning Sound:

T-

"T" for train

P-

"P" for pole, the North Pole

The Polar Express (DVD, CD, audio tape, and computer living story CD)

Winter Train Teacher made book

Thomas the Tank engine books / movies

Notes:

Model for children all the roles and enjoy the fun play on a trains' dining car. I brought in hot chocolate and cookies which I served the children at snack time as an extension of the dining car drama center.

We have the Brio Polar Express Train and track for children to play with in another Center.