

Grocery Store Drama Center
Fall, 2006

Language Targets: Naming objects, Expanding Existing Language, and Speech Turn Taking

Introduction: How detailed you are in role modeling will depend on the ability level of your students.

Before going to the grocery store, one needs to look in the cabinets and refrigerator at home to see what foods one needs to buy. Then you need to write down a grocery list of what to look for at the grocery store. Also, I need to check the sales papers for what is on sale. Maybe I need to add on to my list. Model doing this.

One can buy lots of things at the grocery store. You can buy or purchase food such as fruit, vegetables, and meats. The milk, eggs, and butter are kept in bins that keep them cold like a refrigerator. What other foods needs to be kept cold? (juice, ice cream, cheese). Some vegetable one finds at the store are lettuce, carrots, celery and broccoli. Potatoes and onions are also in the produce section of the store where one can buy vegetables and fresh fruit like bananas, strawberries, watermelon, oranges and apples.

There are cold bins that hold all kinds of meat. One can find raw hamburger, chicken, pork chops and bacon at the grocery store. You can go to the deli and buy lunch meat. There may be a glass container that has live lobsters in it.

Other isles in the store have all kinds of cans. There are lots of food in cans and jars. Cans of beans, corn, and carrots. You can find pickles, relish, mustard, ketchup and chili in either a can or jar. You can

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buy sugar, flour, cooking oil, cakes, icing, box cereal. There is a isle that has potato chips, and coke or Sprite to drink.

The freezer section of the grocery store has all kinds of ice cream, cool whip and frozen pies. You can find frozen pancakes, and waffles there too.

If you have a pet, one can find their food at the grocery store too. Pet toys and kitty litter are in the pet isle.

We all have dirty clothes at home. We can buy laundry detergent and fabric softeners like downy. You can also find dish liquid to wash dishes, and as well as soap for us to take a bath with.

Wow! You can find lots of things at the grocery store. Some stores even have a toy section with books.

When you go to the store, you find a cart, get out your list and find the food you need to toke home. Model getting a grocery cart and looking for food on your grocery list .

Now it is time to check out. There is the cashier. She scans my food. Now its time to pay for my food. I'll use the debit card. The bagger is bagging my grocery items.

I am really hungry. I am going to stop by the deli and buy and ham sandwich and have a cup of coffee.

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Our Donahoe Grocery Store also has a Deli section where the children makes sandwiches to serve along with deserts and drinks such as coffee or soda.

Roles:

Phrases;

- Shopper:** Where is the cereal? Do you have____? Where is the dog food? Please cut me four 2 in thick steaks. Thank you. How much is this?
- Store Stocker:** We need more meat. The chicken is over by the deli counter. Can I show you?
- Cashier:** Price Check! That will be _____. Will this be debit or credit card? You can write a check. Here is your change. Thank you. Please come again.
- Bagger:** Do you want paper or plastic bags? Please show me where you are parked. Thank you. Please come again.
- Deli shopper:** I would like a ham and cheese on white bread with mayonnaise and mustard. Coke please. How much? May I use my debit card?
- Deli Cashier:** How can I help you? Will that be white, wheat, or pita bread? What meat? Cheese? Would you like a soda? Is it for here or to go? It will be\$6.75.
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Play Props

Play food from kit or
your own food play set
I used *my own grocery cart*
* *empty food cartons*
(example : Mac and cheese)
* *Empty Dog food, dish liquid,*
and *laundry containers*
Cash Register
(I used my own and my
own play money)
I saved the paper or **plastic**
fake credit cards that come
in those mail in offers that
one typically throws away
for credit cards and debit cards
* *plastic and paper grocery bags*

Reading /Writing Props

Newspaper food sale sheets
Coupons clipped from paper
Save *Real receipts* to go to
with shopper who buys food
Grocery List: Picture list
(This will be 4 pictures the
the children must choose
to find in the grocery store
*An exact match item - picture
off egg carton, find egg carton, put in cart

Print Labels

Pictures of veggies
fruits, and etc.
Grocery Store Sign
I am taking digital photos
of grocery food: from these
photos the children will
choose what to buy at store
(pictures to be added later)

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Deli Props:

*Play lunch meat,
lettuce, cheese,
tomato slices,*

with *condiments* (Used mine from
my **Subway set** of play food from Toys or Us)

Play desserts (if you want to
include it- used mine)

Play coffee pot (mine) and
play dishes and cups (used mine)

Vocabulary:

cashier, shopper, fruit, vegetables, meat, raw, cooked, produce, cans
groceries, shopping list, coupons, money, credit card/debit card, grocery cart, bagger
deli, cash register

Activities:

1. **Sort :** Sort play food in to categories: Fruit, Vegetables, Meat, and Breads
2. **Grocery Store Field Trip:** Take the class to visit a local grocery store and have lunch in the deli

Reading and Writing Props :

Menu and Deli Sign Fall, 2007 I will take digital
camera photos of the play food and use those pictures
in the menu. It makes for a more realistic menu.

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Activities Continued:

- 3. Name / Identify play food:** for grocery food and deli food :
- 4. Name/ Identify Cleaning Items :** Remind students that only an adult should open them, that that they are poisons. That Bleach and Laundry detergents are for washing dirty clothes.
- 5. Exact Match Grocery List:** The child must make from 2 to 4 choices of what food items they are going to look for. They will place the picture on their list (use Velcro for fastening). The child will take the grocery cart and look for only what is on their list, put that item in the cart, and pay for it , have it bagged and tell a teacher as a review what each item is. **If the child is non verbal or learning to talk: verbal approximations and pointing to the teacher naming the item is acceptable.**

Books:

1. *Tommy At the Grocery Store* by Bill Grossman

On line resource for *Tommy at the Grocery Store*

<http://www.colorado.edu/economics/morey/4808/introductory/TommyAtTheGroceryStore1989.pdf>

2. *Signs At The Store* by Ann Hill

3. *Grocery Store* by Ann Morgan

4. *Barney and Baby Bop Go To The Grocery Store* by Donna Cooner

5. *Grocery Store* by Angela Leeper

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Books Continued:

6. *Going to the Grocery Store* by Cindy A. Baily
7. *Max Goes to the Grocery Store: A Read It Readers' Book* by Adria F. Klein (this is not Max and Ruby)
8. *Jonathan Goes to the Grocery Store* by Susan Baggette and William Moriarty

NOTES: November, 2006

We expanded upon each child's language. Encouraged conversation turn taking as well as sorting and identifying play food before going to the drama center.

* At that time, I felt it was time to end the drama center and transition to a new center. It was just fun to push the cart for some of the younger children. For that group of children that was appropriate. When the other children began to play inappropriately with the grocery cart towards the end of the month by just rolling the cart, I knew it was time to transition to another drama center.

Fall, 2007:

We will be using a modified version of the grocery center. It will be smaller and more contained or closed off from the rest of room. This is so the children will only enter when it time to shop. We will take in one shopper at a time after he or she has picked out their shopping items. They will need to find the items from digital pictures of that item, put it in the grocery cart or basket. The child will have items bagged and tell either the teacher or assistant what they purchased.

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Pictures of some of the items in our grocery store: A local Food Lion store donated empty meat trays. I downloaded pictures of food, and wrapped it up in saran wrap or zip lock baggies for a more realistic look. The plastic was taped to the back. My group didn't try to take off the plastic.



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More Pictures to come with the setting up of center in November, 2007