

EFNEP-Head Start Learning Centers

Plan: Know What's for Dinner

RECOMMENDED CLASSROOM CENTERS

LANGUAGE

Books about our senses

Squirmy Wormy: How I Learned to Help Myself by Linda Farrington Wllson The Five Senses by Keith Faulkner

CONSTRUCTION

Healthy Teeth: Use various fake teeth and toothbrushes to allow the children to practice their fine motor skills and teeth brushing.

WRITING

Learning My Letters: Have the children practice their alphabet by drawing the first letter of their favorite vegetables. Advanced or older children can spell the whole word.

SENSORY

What Is in the Bag?: Put three different items in brown paper bags and have the children try and guess what they are with using only their sense of touch.

MANIPULATIVES

Sewing Senses: Make your own sewing card from cardboard. Print out healthy items from the lessons and paste it on the cardboard. Make holes punch at the edges and use yarn to sew with.

OUTDOORS

If a garden is available, have the children water the garden (if needed) or pick out the weeds. Set aside some time to explain to the children how to tell apart a weed from one of your plants.

SCIENCE

Smelling Jars: Place various items that have distinct smells (e.g. citrus, onion, vinegar) in covered cups and have the children guess what the items are based on their smell.

ART

Transparency Painting: Gather some clear transparency sheets or laminating sheets and have the children paint their favorite item from the lesson. Hang the paintings in the window.

DRAMATIC PLAY

Sensory Scientists: Create a "lab" where the children can dress up as a scientist and explore various sensory items (e.g. tub of sand, popcorn kernels, bird seed).













