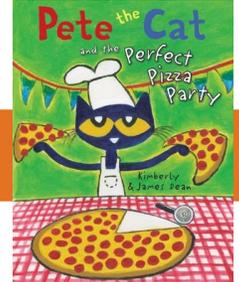
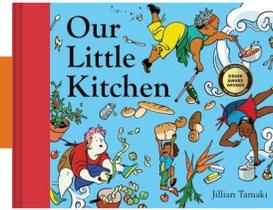
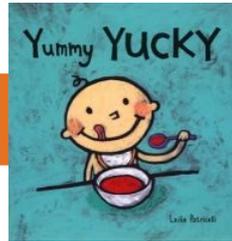
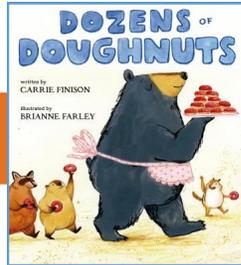


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

By playing games that involve role-playing, taking turns, and showing appreciation to children who take turns, you are helping children learn how to regulate themselves. The skill of self-regulation helps children develop successful classroom behavior. It will come in handy when they start going to school. (ECRR cards)

PLAY games that help children learn to take turns to help them be ready for school.

activity

Time to play pretend! Use empty cereal boxes to go grocery shopping, or plastic plates and utensils to run a restaurant for the stuffed animals! Engage with your child by taking turns playing different "jobs," like being the chef and the waiter, or the grocery clerk and shopper. This helps them stretch their imagination and develop positive social skills!

digital fun

PBS kids has an entire webpage of food-themed games at <https://pbskids.org/games/food>. My personal favorite is Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck!

READ

[Hello, Hot Dog!](#) by Lily Murray

[Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao](#) by Kat Zhang

[Kitchen Disco](#) by Clare Foges & Al Murphy

[PB&J Hooray!](#) by Janet Nolan

PLAY

Use a toy, ball, beanbag, or a real potato to play Hot Potato with your child! If you don't want to play "out," try doing a silly dance when you get caught with the potato! Hot Potato is a fun way to practice taking turns! Here is some [music](#) with the stops already built in!

TALK

Use a trip to the grocery store to talk about the food you see! Food comes in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. Play "I Spy" while you're shopping to practice sorting by shape or color. You can also talk about where we get our food. Making connections with things around them helps kids make sense of their world.

SING

[Bananas Unite!](#)

We pick bananas, pick, pick bananas

And peel bananas, peel, peel bananas

And chop bananas, chop, chop bananas

And mash bananas, mash, mash bananas

And eat bananas, eat, eat bananas

Then go bananas! Go, go bananas!

Go bananas, go, go bananas!

WRITE

Use clay or playdoh to make donuts, or other foods, with your child! Playing with playdoh strengthens the muscles in your child's hands, making it easier for them learn to write later on!