



CoCo's Diner



Ask: Ask your child if she would like to make an ice cream cone. How many scoops are on the cone? If you eat two scoops, how many are left? Ask your child about the colors of the ice cream. Can they sort them by color? Ask your child about types of food. Which are grains, which are meats, and which are dairy? Does your child know which food belongs in the refrigerator and which belongs in the freezer?

Listen: Listen to your child as she plays in the diner. Does she play a waitress, cook, or customer? Does she play with other children, with you, or by herself? Does she talk about what she is doing while she plays?

Look: Does your child wear one of the aprons while she plays? Does she look at the menus or make up her own meals? Does she make foods similar to those you eat at home? Does your child prepare healthy foods? Talk to her about this. Does your child pretend to use the stove? For older children this is a great time to talk about cooking safety. Don't touch hot things! Make sure all the burners are off when you are finished!

**We carefully choose the props and toys included in our exhibits. All of these items are in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) lead testing standards.*