

# All About Cuisine

Play-based learning is a developmentally appropriate best-practice for young children. Through **All About Cuisine**, students get to know themselves and others through learning about different cultures' cuisine. From family meals to celebrating food all over the world, this guide shows an array of ways for children to have fun learning about different types of cuisine while enhancing their literacy skills. Follow these suggestions to create cuisine-themed centers in your early childhood classroom.

## RESTAURANT DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER

Dramatic play inspires imagination, develops speaking and listening skills, fosters social skills such as sharing and turn taking, and supports children to acquire new vocabulary. A dramatic play center should include a theme, props, and adult guidance to enhance language development. Also include environmental print such as signs, labels, and authentic writing opportunities.



### SUGGESTED PROPS

- Play food
- Kitchen accessories
- Chef costume
- Cash register
- Diner set



### RIF PRINTABLES

- RIF Diner sign
- Diner menu
- RIF Ethiopian Restaurant sign
- Ethiopian menu

*Note for educators: Create a restaurant with an authentic cuisine that your students are familiar with, or an unfamiliar cuisine to extend their thinking.*

**ADULT GUIDANCE:** Use these suggested leveled questions and narrations to support children's play.

- **Level 1:** "Point to the menu."
- **Level 2:** "Is the restaurant open or closed?"
- **Level 3:** "Why are you at this restaurant today?"
- **Level 4:** "What might happen if the guests at the restaurant did not want to wait 20 minutes for their table?"
- "Our waiter is writing down the order carefully. That's how we make sure it's just right!"
- "That customer seems upset, and you are calming them down by offering them something else to eat."
- "I smell something delicious coming from the oven. Someone must be baking!"



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# RIF's DINER

## MENU

### Breakfast



eggs  
\$2.00



bacon  
\$3.00



waffles  
\$6.00



toast  
\$1.00

### Lunch



burger  
\$8.00



fried chicken  
\$6.00



onion rings  
\$3.00



french fries  
\$2.00

### Drinks



coffee  
\$1.00



juice  
\$2.00



milk  
\$2.00



lemonade  
\$3.00

### Dessert



pie  
\$4.00



cake  
\$3.00



ice cream  
\$2.00



doughnut  
\$1.00



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MISIR WOT.....  
\$15.00



KITFO.....  
\$18.00



BEYAYNETU.....  
\$20.00

