



# The Tools of the Mind Connection

A newsletter connecting home and school environments

Blue Room December 2017 Newsletter

We are enjoying making and serving food and drinks in the Deli and Starbucks centers. The children have been pretending great scenarios like ordering ice cream and making sandwiches and pizza in the Deli and ordering drinks and sweet treats at Starbucks. Your children are developing great imaginations!



## WHAT AM I READING?

In our math block, we have been working on developing strategies for completing puzzles. These strategies support higher-level thinking, collaboration and using positional words in a real context and you can support them at home!

- I Love Snow
- The Gingerbread Baby
- The Mitten Tree

While doing a puzzle with your child encourage them to look for a certain color, a certain shape or a certain part of the picture. If they are attempting to fit a piece encourage them to turn it around a variety of ways. Use position words such as: *on top of, next to, below, above, under, and over.*

## WHAT AM I DOING IN PLAY?

Theme: Grocery Store  
Roles I can be: Order taker, cook, cashier, dishwasher, customer, Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister



What's happening in my centers: Washing the dishes  
 Preparing food displays  
 Setting the table  
 Preparing the menu

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:  
 Weighing items on scales  
 Calling phone numbers for delivery  
 Using various quantity words – big, small, medium

## FINGER PLAYS I KNOW

I'm a little teapot  
 Short and Stout  
 Here is my handle  
 Here is my spout  
 When I get all steamed up  
 Then I shout:  
 Tip me over and pour me out!



## EXTENSIONS AT HOME:

- Draw a picture of where you eat in your house
- Help wash dishes with someone
- Practice your telephone number and address with someone at your house



## Upcoming Important Date:

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>-Share and Tell- Please have your child bring an item that begins with the first letter of their name. Example- Alyssa-Apple, Sally-Squirrel