

Print Knowledge

BEGINNING: Functions of Print

What You Need:

- paper
- glue stick
- pictures of food cut out from magazines
- crayons or markers
- names of different foods clearly written on index cards

What You Do:

1. Discuss with the children the purpose and use of a menu.
2. Choose a meal for the children to make menus.
3. Lay out the pictures of food.
4. Have the child or children pick out a few pictures. Discuss good choices and favorites.
5. Write "MENU" at the top of each page. Help children who are ready write the word on their own.
6. Have the children glue the pictures of the selected foods down the left side of the paper.
7. Help children find the names of the selected foods. They can either glue the name next to the food or copy it directly onto the paper.
8. Ask each child to read the menu back to you or share it with a friend.

Why?

Children become familiar with one of the many functions of print.

