

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 your child the purpose and use of a menu.
2. Choose a real or pretend meal for your child to put on the menu.
3. Lay out the pictures of food.
4. Have your child pick out a few pictures. Discuss good choices and favorites.
5. Write "MENU" at the top of the paper. Help your child, if he or she is ready, write the word on his or her own.
6. Have your child glue the pictures of the selected foods down the left side of the paper.
7. Help your child find the names of the selected foods on the cards. They can either glue the name next to the food or copy it directly onto the paper.
8. Your child can read the menu back to you or share it with a sibling or friend.

Why?

Your child becomes familiar with one of the many functions of print.

