Beyond the Alphabet

Playful Literacy in Children’s Museums
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Learning to Read and Write

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8 Major Themes

- The Power & Pleasure of Literacy
- The Literate Environment
- Language Development
- Knowledge Building & Comprehension
- Knowledge of Print
- Types of Texts
- Phonological Awareness
- Letters and Words
The Power and Pleasure of Literacy
Welcome to Box City
Wacky Weaving

1. Decorate the CD with Sharpie (please ask).
2. Tie/tape string to back and wrap 5 times.
3. Tie/tape a second string on back. Pull through center hole.
4. Weave over and under the strings. Add beads and other decor!
Language Development
Building Knowledge and Comprehension
Knowledge of Print
Types of Texts
Daily Specials

SEAFOOD GUMBO

market price

LOUISIANA SHRIMP SALAD

FRESH LOUISIANA CRAWFISH

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PET'S NAME

Circle the type of Pet

Dog  Cat  Bunny  Turtle  Other

Check off the boxes as you complete each task.

Pet Exam

Weight  Heart  Temperature

Eyes  Paws  Shots

Grooming

Nose  Ears  Teeth

Pets Name

PELICAN PANTRY

SHOPPING LIST

- Bananas
- Beans
- Cauliflower

Your Big Backyard
Phonological Awareness
Happy Birthday

Happy birth day to you!

Happy birth day to you!

Happy birth day dear friend.

Happy birth day to you!
Letters and Words
Fish
Birds
Reptiles
Amphibians
Mammals

- Mammals
  - Hair or Fur
  - Nurse with Milk
  - Warm Blooded

- Reptiles
  - Cold Blooded
  - Live on Land and Water

- Amphibians
  - Wetland Feet
  - Low Eggs

- Birds
  - Low Eggs
  - Low Eggs

- Fish
  - Low Eggs
  - Low Eggs

Magnetic Poetry
April is National Poetry Month. Rearrange the words to create your own poem.

tell the world how lovely it can do
the child upon a dream

so high above
like with blue sky
bird things sings up

an blueberry
rain goes
Knock Knock Children’s Museum: A Case Study

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Knock Knock Jokes
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https://www.npr.org/sections/npr-history-dept/2015/03/03/389865887/the-secret-history-of-knock-knock-jokes
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Listening to Words and Puns
Storybook Tree
Stories Open Doors
Opportunities to Read
Finding Letters to Make Words
Writing and Measuring
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Charts to Fill Out & Books to Read
Linking Words and Pictures

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Grooming

Check Coat  Shampoo  Rinse  Dry

Brush Coat  Trim Nails  Feed

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Shopping Lists and Recipes

PELICAN PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

Burger Soup

1. In a large saucepan, cook meat, onions, and garlic until onions are done. Drain excess liquid.
2. Add tomatosauce, tomatoes, broth and carrots. Bring to boil and add carrots, rice and
   and then simmer over medium heat until rice is done and
ease the broth or water if too thick.

Ingredients:
- 1 pound ground sirloin
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried garlic
- 1 l/2-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1 cup sliced peeled carrots
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn
- 1/2 cup rice

This recipe courtesy of Holly Clegg.

Apples
Bread
Carrots
Cheese
Ham
Milk

PELICAN PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

Makes 1 sandwich
1 slice reduced-fat American cheese
1 slice bread
1/2 slice reduced-fat processed Swiss cheese
1/2 slice extra lean ham
Circumference slices

Open-Face Tic-Tac-Toe Sandwiches

Ingredients:
- 2 ham slices
- 2 cheese slices
- 2 bread slices
- 1 sandwich

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Checking Out

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**Knock Knock Notes – Involving the Caregivers**

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Name the foods as your child selects them. Oh, you chose strawberries. Yum!

**Knock Knock Notes**
Invite your child to gather items for a favorite recipe. I wonder what ingredients you can find to make gumbo?
### Knock Knock Notes

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<td><strong>Pelican Pantry</strong></td>
<td>Name the foods as your child selects them. Oh, you chose strawberries. Yum!</td>
<td>Talk about the healthy food as your child shops here. You chose milk. It’s good for your bones and teeth!</td>
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<td><strong>I See Food Café</strong></td>
<td>Play along with your toddler and offer suggestions. M-m-m I love this salad. May I please have more?</td>
<td>Be a fun, healthy-eating role model. When a child asks to take your order here, be sure to ask for veggies and show how delicious they can be.</td>
<td>Talk about changes you could make to turn a “whoa” food into a “go” food. If you baked a potato instead of making French fries with it, it would be healthier!</td>
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Barge Carrying Books down the Mississippi
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