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Summer Cookout

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Role-play cooking and serving food.
2. Improve their social skills.
3. Develop their motor skills.

Materials

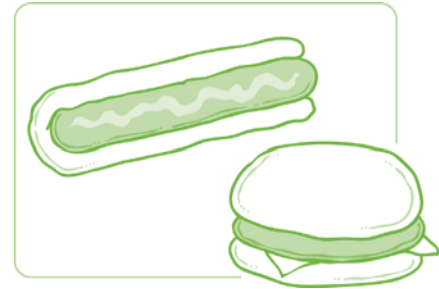
felt or craft foam in the following colors: pink, peach, light brown, dark brown
 small outdoor grill
 spatula
 tongs
 paper plates and other picnic tableware
 apron
 empty mustard and ketchup bottles

VOCABULARY

bratwurst	charcoal	cook	grill	hamburger	hot
hot dog	onion	pepper	serve	spatula	tongs

PREPARATION

- Cut hot dog, bratwurst, hamburger, onion, pepper, and bun shapes from the felt or craft foam.
- Display all the materials in the dramatic play area of the classroom.



WHAT TO DO

1. Set the grill out in the dramatic play area and talk with the children about times they have eaten at barbecues. Ask the children what they ate at those barbecues, and what the weather was like.
2. Show the children the materials, and invite them to take turns pretending to cook and serve the “food.”

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER TIP

- Consider asking a child’s family member to lend a grill and grilling tools for the class to use for dramatic play.

ASSESSMENT

To assess the children’s learning, consider the following:

- Do the children cooperate and work together to cook, serve, and “eat” the grilled sandwiches?
- Are children able to use the tools to manipulate the meat pieces on the grill?

Children’s Books

A Barbecue for Charlotte by Marc Tetro
Classroom Cookout by Susan Blackaby
Cookout at Grandma’s House by Paulette Mack
Quite Enough Hot Dogs by Wil Mara

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