Let's Go Shopping!

By participating in Play K at the library with the Let’s Go Shopping playscape, your child had experiences with vocabulary and concepts centered on the theme of shopping and beginning economics. The best way to help your child learn new vocabulary and concepts is through repeated practice over time. Here are five ideas for practicing your child’s new learning at home. Enjoy!

1. Use the new words your child learned from this playscape in everyday conversation, as often as possible. For example, “We're going to the grocery store today! Do you remember the name of the grocery store we go to in our community? Let’s make a list of the food we will buy there to help us make good choices.” The more times your child hears and uses new vocabulary and concepts, the easier they are to learn!

2. Make a list of the food you will buy at the grocery. Ask your child to draw pictures for each item. Post the list where family members can see it and comment on the different purchases (another new vocabulary word)! You could even make it an ongoing list with family members adding their favorite foods or special requests.

3. Sing this song from Storytime together:

   **At the Grocery Store**
   **by: Patricia Morrison**
   *(Tune, “A Farmer in the Dell”)*

   A shopping we will go, a shopping we will go
   See you at the grocery store
   A shopping we will go!
   Fruits and vegetables, fruits and vegetables
   Take your pick; fill your basket
   With fruits and vegetables!
   Nutritious grains and meat, nutritious grains and meat
   For breakfast, lunch, and dinner too
   Nutritious grains and meat!
   Milk and milk products, milk and milk products
   Yogurt, cheese, and ice cream too
   Milk and milk products!
   At the grocery store, at the grocery store
   Find everything you need and more
   At the grocery store!

4. Log-on to Bookflix for free, courtesy of your public library and PowerLibrary.org! This wonderful site allows your child to read e-books and play games related to a variety of themes. All you need is your library card. Here is the link and a list of the titles related to shopping:

   Fiction: *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?*
   Nonfiction: *This is the Way We Eat Our Food*

5. Here are some additional books your child may enjoy. Ask your librarian for these and other titles related to shopping!