Better Parenting

Dinosaur Store DIY

Let the little shopkeeper choose the products they like best.

Helps Your Child Grow

Sense of Identity and Belonging

Choosing a pretend shop theme and explaining which products belong there helps your child identify and communicate their own interests and preferences.

Steps

- Imagine a shop your child would like to own, with the little shopkeeper choosing both the theme and the products.
- Ask whether it will be an ice-cream shop, toy shop, dinosaur shop, or something else. As you draw the storefront, wonder, “A dinosaur shop - did you choose that because you like dinosaurs?”
- Draw dinosaur eggs in different sizes, colors, and patterns and ask which ones belong in the shop.
- If your child chooses the largest egg with red dots, ask what mattered most: its size, the color red, or the dot pattern.
- Cut out the chosen eggs and display them in the paper storefront, then keep selecting new merchandise together.

Tips

- There is no right answer when your child explains a preference. Even if the reason surprises you, listen and accept it so they feel comfortable expressing a choice.
- If your child wants to draw the shop or dinosaur eggs, hand over the pencil and let their pictures show what they like.

Observations

- ○ Names something they like or explains why they chose it
- ○ Explains a choice in a clear, logically connected way