



People Smart



Toys	Picnic Set/Tea party	Goals	Social interaction, joint attention verbal/non verbal communication
Objectives	Improve concept of sharing, and turn-taking Improve understanding of pronouns "me", "my", "yours", "him", "his" Improve listening, imitating and following directions Improve creativity and pretend play		
Play Strategies/Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spread out the picnic blanket and tell the child that it is time for a picnic with MILO.• Pour pretend tea, coffee, milk, juice into cups and watch the child imitate actions.• Ask the child to pour you some tea, pretend it's too hot and you need to blow on it.• Use spoons to stir the tea. Ask the child, "Where is your spoon?" and watch to see if they understand and hold up their spoon.• Have the child share their cup and spoon with MILO.• You may want to bring "nature" activity (bugs) to the picnic. See if they can carry over learned skills from that activity into the picnic activity. For example you can say, "Can the green grasshopper hop into my cup?" or "MILO found a dragon fly on his plate, shoo fly!" <p>If you notice a strength in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage this strength by using some of your toys with the picnic such as play-doh (to make food), music (to sing songs). Continue to use the strategies from this activity by embedding/including them into your family meal time.		