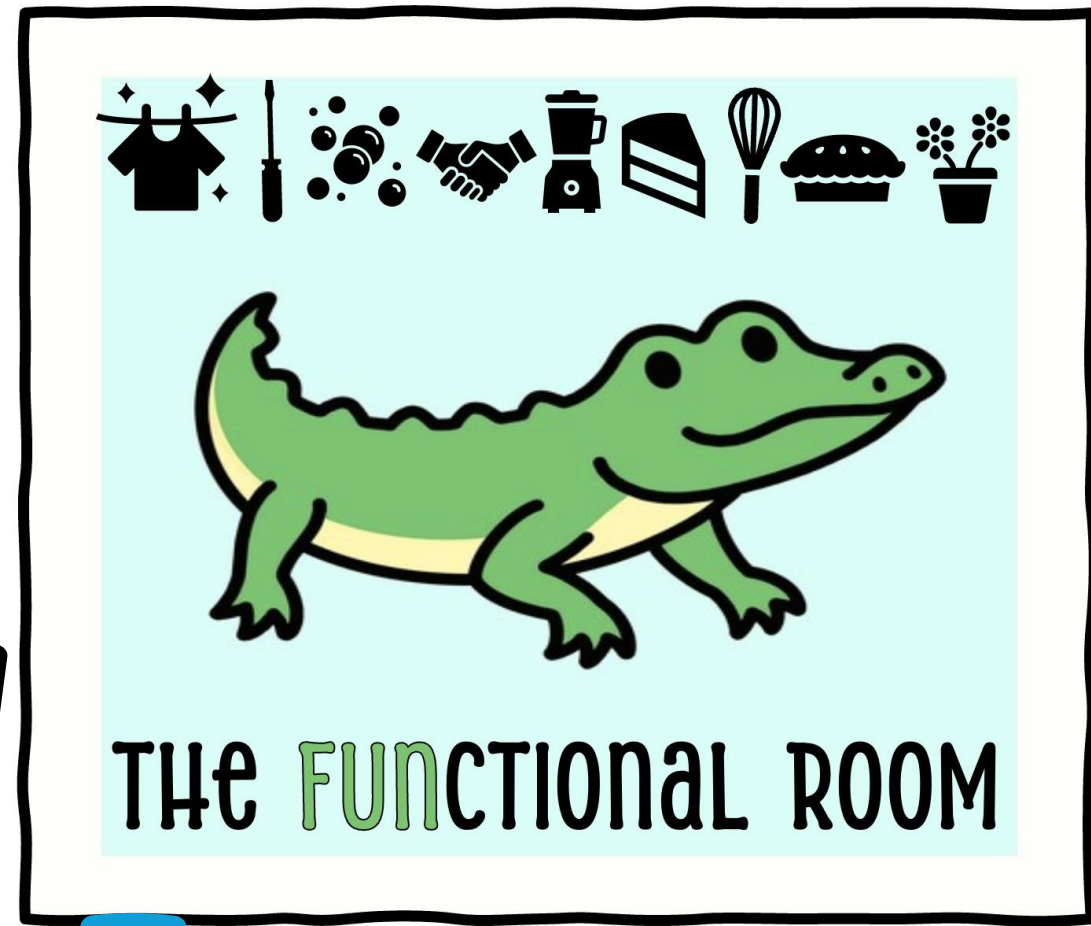
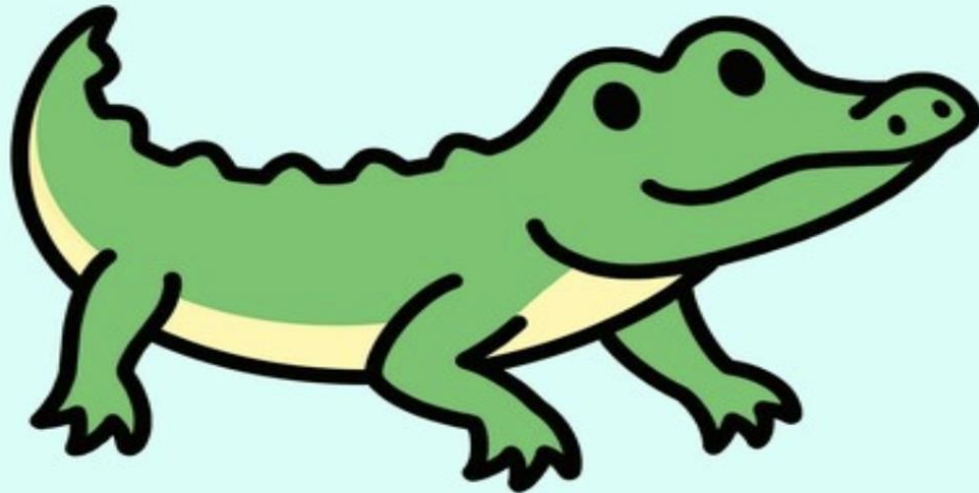


Gateway is proud to offer a variety of learning environments outside of the classroom- including our **adapted kitchen.**

Check it out!



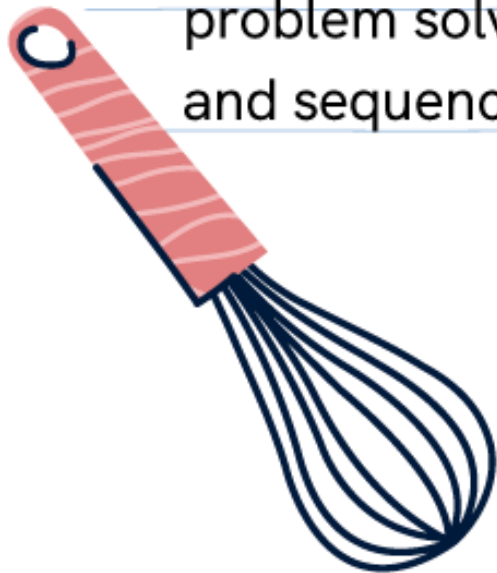


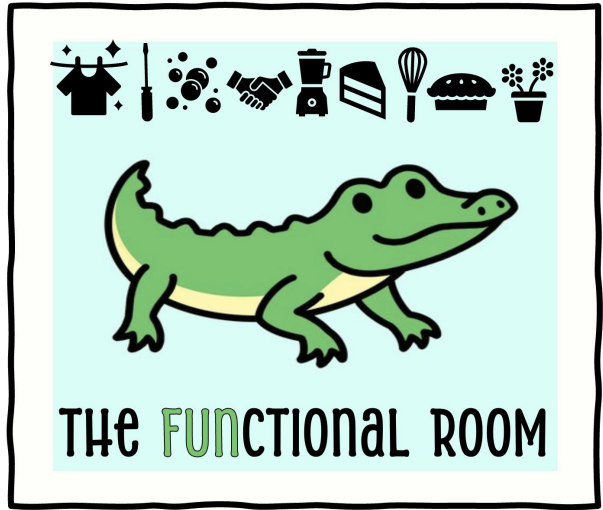
THE FUNCTIONAL ROOM

experiment
COOK
create
help
learn
communicate
HAVE FUN!

Because...

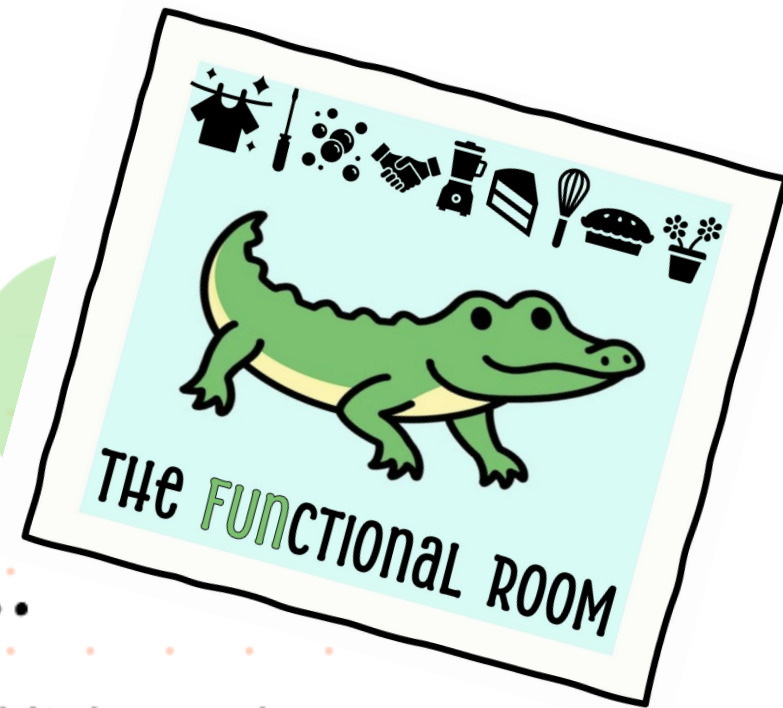
Completing a recipe increases children's confidence and their sense of self accomplishment. Increases independence and self-direction. It also promotes problem solving, following steps, and sequencing.





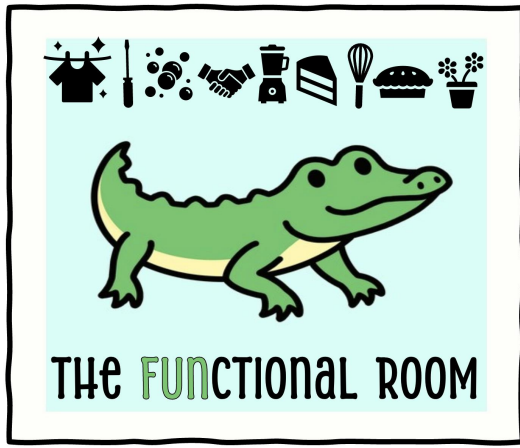
COOK
create
help
Celebrate!

Three simple line drawings of party items: two balloons tied together, a party hat with a star on top, and a streamer with a twisted end.



Because...

Working in the kitchen enhances motor skills, eye-hand coordination, bilateral integration are enhanced while chopping, mixing, squeezing, and spreading. It is a great opportunity to learn and practice counting, measuring, and following a sequence.



Skill:

Communication & Language Development

stir

wet

pour

Explain what you are doing as you cook

no

like

yucky

hot

fast

help

in

good

cut

put

more

messy

out

open

clean

big

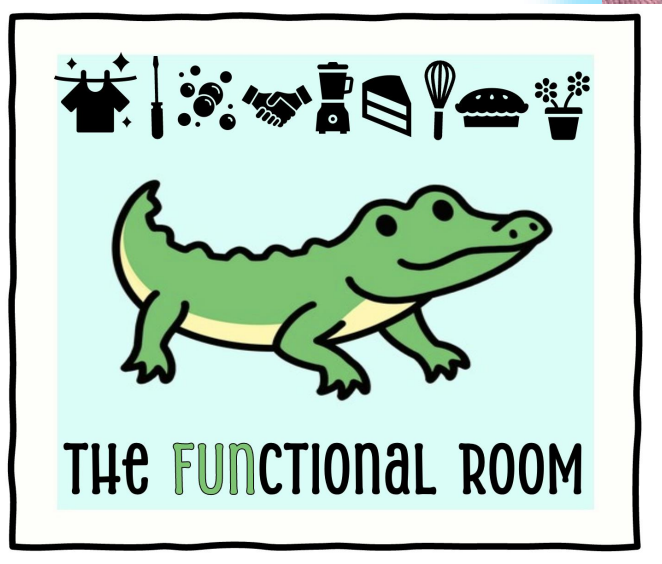
slow

Identify the different parts of foods and utensils

close

done

Use words like "first," "then" and "finally" to introduce sequential language.

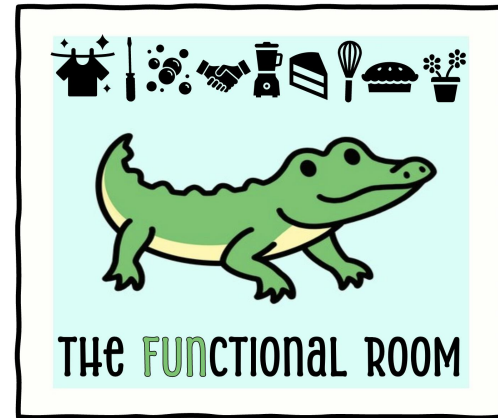


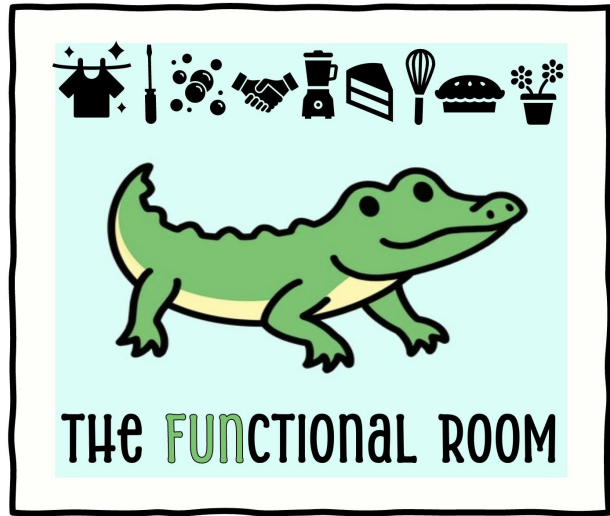
MATH
FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS
vocabulary
literacy
communication



Because...

Cooking provides a great opportunity to enhance creativity, safe explorations, and language development.

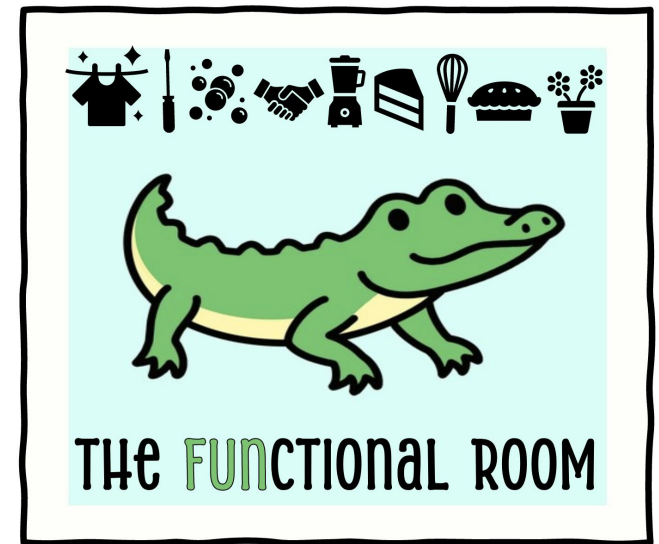


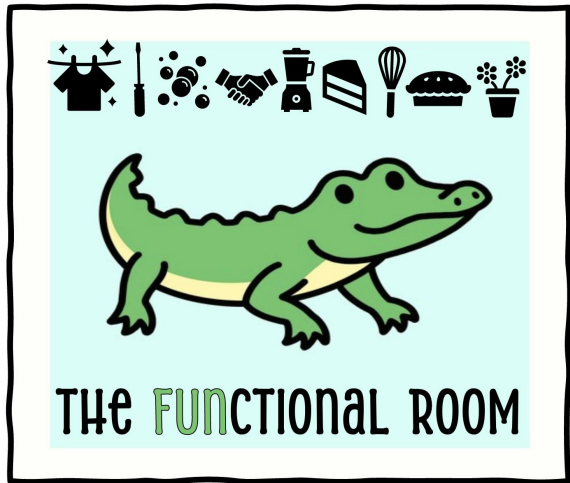


Turn-taking
communication
MOTOR SKILLS & COORDINATION

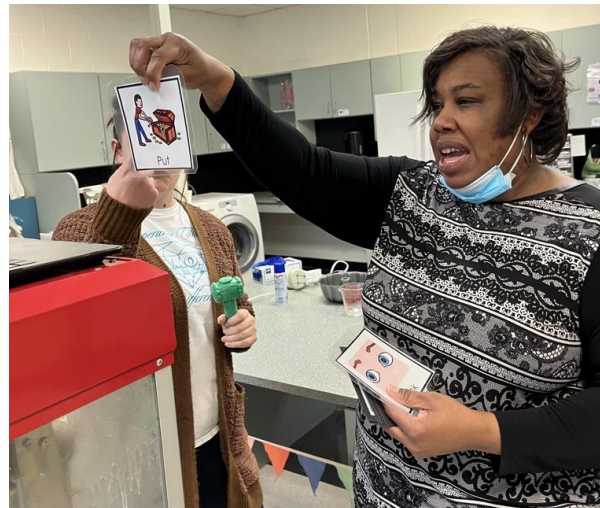
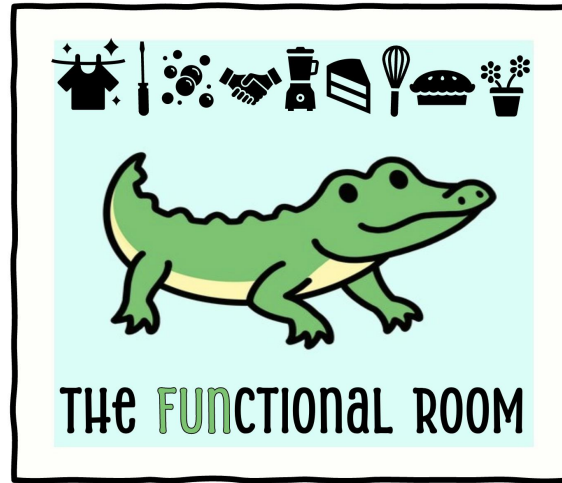


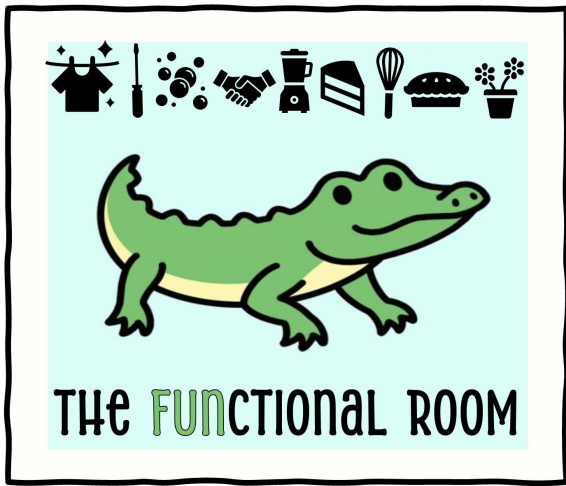
vocabulary
FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS
MATH
literacy
Experiencing new
cooperation





responsibility
FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS
vocabulary
Motor skills
communication
self-esteem





Skill: Physical Development

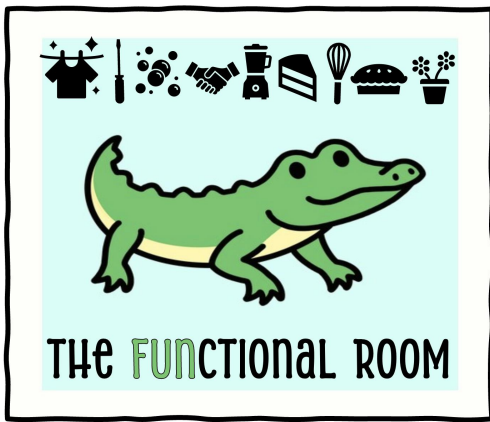
Kneading dough
develops hand
strength.



Pouring liquid into
a measuring cup
develops hand
control and
coordination.

Stirring batter
strengthens
forearm control.





Connection to Family, Tradition, and Culture



We love family involvement! If you would like to come in and share your cultural cuisine, traditional family dish, or even a non-food specialty with our students, please contact us or reach out to your child's teacher!

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