

Chinese Restaurant

Gather, layout, and gradually add:

Table and chairs (red/white checkered table cloth)

'kitchen area' with something to prepare the food

An oven, refrigerator, sink

To Go boxes

Menus

Dishes

Cash register and money, gift cards

Play food that would be in Chinese restaurant

(spring rolls, rice, noodles, seafood, etc)

Tea Set

Fortune cookies

Lanterns

Woks, tongs

Water features

Buda figurines

Maintaining basics:

Cleaning supplies for 'cleaning' the shop and stuff for cleaning the tables

• Dress-Up portion:

Chef hat, aprons, smocks for the uniform, kimonos

Dress up clothes for going out to eat

Activities:

- Go on a field trip to a real Chinese Restaurant
- Come up with a name for the restaurant
- Make a shop sign, coupons, play money
- Make menus by cutting out pics of Chinese foods
- Make food out of cardboard or felt
- Make noodles and rice by cutting yarn, or use real dry white and brown rice

Décor:

The children's artwork

Photos of China and Chinese foods

Cookbooks and colorful magazines about Chinese foods

A map of China

Fish tank

A Pretend Scenario to try:

- Get four kids together at a time; have two be the customers and one be the waiter and one be the cook. The customers are out on a special occasion dinner and order. The clerk helps them make their selections and passes the order to the cook. You get the picture...