

Play is a powerful context for children’s learning and development. These videos provide some examples of the ways dramatic play centers can be intentionally implemented to promote children’s engagement and growth. The following table highlights some of the components included.

While watching each video, jot down your notes about each teacher’s approach to the creation and facilitation of these centers.

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We Can Clean, Too!							