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Extend the selection of spices and herbs we use with playdough.

Add cookery magazines to the book area.

See if we can visit the restaurant or have Sophia’s Mom visit us for a food tasting session.