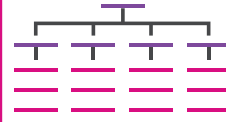


Thinking Maps: Home & School Connection



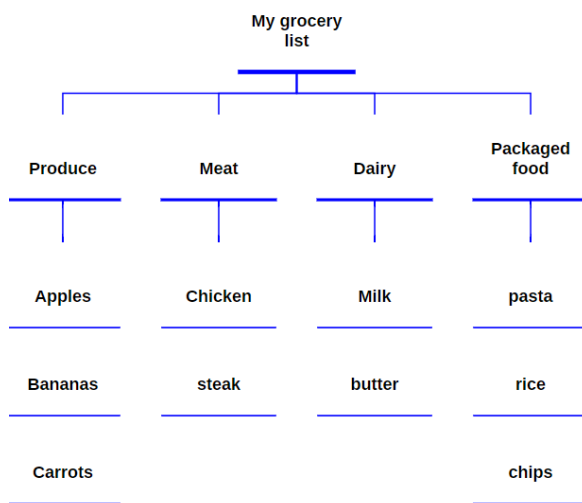
Tree Map

Classifying and Categorizing

This week, your child has been introduced to the Tree Map. Talk to your child about what kinds of things he or she has been categorizing or classifying at school. Then, take an opportunity to engage in a family activity that will reinforce this type of thinking and learning for your child at home.

The Tree Map is used for classifying and categorizing or for identifying the main idea and details. Some of the other key words your child might use when using a Tree Map are *kinds of* and *types of*.

Below is an example of a Tree Map. In this example, a family used a Tree Map to categorize a grocery list by areas within a store.



Other ideas for using the Tree Map:



- Classify animals
- Words with that begin with _____, _____, _____
- Things I like/don't like
- Sort items by color
- Needs/wants

With your family, create a Tree Map in the space below.

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