Carrying your lunch tray



<u>Use Dycem matting to stop</u> items slipping on a tray



Steps to being independent

- 1. Say, "Watch while I show you how to carry something on a tray."
- 2. Place the sponge on the tray.
- 3. Lift the tray with thumbs on top of the lip, fingers on the bottom, and elbows close to but not touching your body. Hold it about waist high.
- 4. Walk slowly to a table, while keeping the tray level, and at the same time looking in front of you.
- 5. Arrive at the table; slowly lower the tray and softly place it on the table, while sliding your fingers from under the tray.
- 6. Invite the child to carry the tray to another table.
- 7. If the child is successful, move on to the next heavier object.
- 8. When choosing heavier objects, choose items that will break (old unwanted cups/ mugs/ plates). If you practice carrying non-breakable items, then you are less likely to concentrate as there are no consequences if you drop the item.



