Table Cleaning Procedures

Eating surfaces should be kept clean to avoid the spread of disease, and cleaning products must be used appropriately to ensure children’s safety.

ECERS-R Aligned Products for Table Cleaning

- Soap and water: mix one-quart water and a capful of soap, or ¼ cup of soap per one gallon of water; put in a spray bottle.
- Bleach solution: mix one-quart water and a capful of bleach, or ¼ cup of bleach per one gallon of water; put in a spray bottle.
  - Or EPA approved sanitizer: check the label for this designation

Bleach/water solutions and EPA cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children at all times.

Table Cleaning Procedures, as outlined in the All About the ECERS-R book (pp. 93-94) to be followed every time before children eat.

Wipe Down

- Wipe down tables with the soap/water mix to remove visible soil
- Dry each table with a different disposable towel;

Sanitize

- Spray surface with bleach/water solution
- Air dry for at least 10 seconds
- Wipe with a disposable towel, or allow to completely air dry (2 minutes ideal to kill germs)
- Alternative: use an EPA approved product and follow the procedures described on the container’s label

Store Product

- Put products away so that children cannot reach them