

Sample lesson plan: Apple unit:

This is a SAMPLE lesson plan based on our thematic monthly unit:

Morning activity: warm up apple activities: These warmup activities will be used all week and adapted for the specific group level:

K- apple patterns: complete the pattern: create your own

1st-2nd: label parts of the apple: core, seed, stem, leaf, skin,

3rd-4th : describing an apple activity: 5 senses describing sheet appropriate use of adjectives

5th-6th apple fractions: using real apple pieces to create the fraction listed on task cards.

Morning Meeting:

Daily question:

1. What is your favorite color of apple to eat?
2. What is your favorite apple dessert?
3. What is your favorite apple variety?
4. Do you like to eat the apples with the skin or peeled?

Daily read aloud:

1. Apples by Gail Gibbons:
2. Apples for everyone: national Geographic
3. Apples, Apples, Up on Top: Dr. Seuss

Content groups:(this is our small group time where we focus on content specific reinforcement of skills)

k-2: use apple pattern counting cards, apple cutouts, apple pics for skills this week. Also continue with math skills.

3-6: use our read aloud books to find literary theme, plot, author, illustrator, summary, etc. also continue math skill review during this time.

Math:

These ideas are separate from the daily curriculum work we will be doing:

Apple theme math activities:

- counting seeds and creating an age-appropriate graph:

-reading a recipe: converting measurements in the recipe, doubling an ingredient, cutting it in half.

Reading/ELA/Writing

These ideas are separate from the daily curriculum work we will be doing.

Johnny Appleseed:

Writing about apple theme prompts: journaling topics

Descriptive writing: describing the apple texture, color, taste, using appropriate parts of speech like adjectives, adverbs in our writing about apples

Use apple theme picture books throughout the unit; focus on story elements, text features, etc.

Creative time:

painting, modeling clay, paper art: nature landscapes, trees, apples, paint stamping

Baking: finding new recipes, creating new recipes, decorating apple/tree cookies

Nature: planting, testing soil,

Playdoh: tree, apple, orchard,

Science: (monthly goals)

Life cycle of an apple tree/apple

Planting apple seeds:

apple stem activities

apple science experiments: jumping apple seeds experiment

apple tasting lab: apples, apple sauce, apple juice, apple cider, etc.

Apple baking: pie, crisp

Make homemade Apple sauce

Social studies:(Monthly goals)

Johnny Appleseed:

Regions of the USA/World for apple growth, production, sales, etc.

Identify states that grow, produce apples. Know the state, capital and region of the US.

Community connection:

Helpers for our baking days:

A local Apple tree farmer: possibly someone from Broom's or Eckerts to show us more about apples/trees etc.

Field trip: Broom's orchard/Eckert's orchard: