

Apple Teaching Points Grades K-2

Eat Your Colors

- Fruits and vegetables come in a rainbow of colors.
- Apples can be red, yellow or green.
- Eat colorful fruits and vegetables every day.

What's in a Name?

- Apples are part of the rose family.

Reasons to Eat Apples

- Apples have fiber.
- Fiber helps food move through our body.
- Apples have vitamin C.
- Vitamin C helps keep us from getting sick.



Just the Facts

- Apples are best when you eat them with the peel. That is where most of the fiber is found.
- Almost half of all apples are enjoyed as applesauce, apple juice and jellies or jams.

A Slice of Apple History

- Apples have been around since ancient times.
- New kinds of apples were grown through a process known as grafting.
- During the 1800s, European settlers brought apples with them to the Americas.

Home Grown Facts

- California is #4 in growing apples in America.
- California grows many different kinds of apples. Examples of some California grown apples are: Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Gala, Fuji, Granny Smith, McIntosh, Rome, Jonathon and Pink Lady. Have you tried any of these delicious apples? Taste and compare different kinds of apples.
- Apples are picked all year long and you can find many different kinds of apples throughout the year.

The Legend of Johnny Appleseed

- John Chapman was born on September 26, 1774 in Massachusetts.
- He became known as "Johnny Appleseed."
- He spent almost 50 years planting apple trees in Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- Johnny Appleseed was known for being kind and generous.
- He sold apple trees to the settlers on the plains for a few pennies each or for some clothing.
- Some people had no money to pay him so they promised to pay him later.
- John Chapman died in 1845, but even after 200 years, some of his trees still bear apples.

Extension Ideas For Educators

Activities:

1. Thinking Map®: adapt to your students
2. Cooking in Class:

Apple Yogurt Trifle

Ingredients:

(Makes 32 tastes at ¼ cup each)

- 4 Granny Smith apples, cored and finely chopped
- 8 (8-ounce) containers low fat cherry yogurt
- 3 cups Grape-Nuts cereal
- Small paper cups

Evenly divide four of the yogurt containers and half of the chopped apple pieces among cups to provide each student with a taste. Add two tablespoons of Grape-Nuts to each cup, then top evenly with layers of remaining yogurt, chopped apple and a sprinkle of Grape-Nuts. Refrigerate at least 15-20 minutes before serving to allow cereal to soften.

Adapted from www.bestapples.com/recipes

3. Physical Activity:
 - Children should engage in at least one hour of physical activity every day to stay fit both mentally and physically.
 - Dedicate the month of September to playing a different game or activity each week in or out of the classroom. For physical activity ideas, visit: www.sparkpe.org
4. Cafeteria Connection:
 - Have students look into which types of apples are served in the school cafeteria. Write letters to the kitchen staff listing the benefits of other varieties (including California grown) and ask the staff to consider serving these. For more ideas, reference: *Fruits and Vegetables Galore*, USDA, 2004; www.nal.usda.gov/kids
5. School Garden:
 - Encourage students to become seed detectives by identifying, collecting and saving their own seeds from the garden or the wild. For more ideas, visit: www.kidsgardening.com
6. Other Websites/Resources:
 - For free nutrition education programs aligned to the California state standards, visit www.dairycouncilofca.org For first and second grades, order the ten lesson unit "Healthy Choices, Healthy Me!"
 - For a variety of nutritious recipes and Harvest of the Month materials, visit www.harvestofthemonth.com
 - For more ideas on increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity and food security and more recipes, visit www.networkforahealthycalifornia.net
 - For additional classroom resources and materials, visit www.tcoe.org/nutrition and click on "Harvest of the Month"

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