

APPLES, APPLES ALL YEAR ROUND
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Activity Guide

Use the book with preschoolers in whole or in parts as each holiday occurs.

Activity: APPLE ON A STICK PUPPET

Focus: PERFORMANCE, MUSIC, MOVEMENT, DANCE

Give preschoolers an apple shape cut-out, either plain white to color or made from colored construction paper (green, yellow, red). Have them glue finished shapes onto a stick. Use them to “cheer” when the words “APPLES! APPLES!” are read, or use in a performance of the book text. This is a perfect activity for the end of the school year to share what students have learned. Simple dance steps can be added.

Activity: CLAPPING GAME TO ACCOMPANY READING OF APPLES, APPLES

Focus: MUSIC, RHYTHM, MOTOR SKILLS

Clap in rhythm with reading of text:

Slow, slow, slow, slow – Ap-ples! Ap-ples!

Fast, Fast, Fast – All Year Round!

Activity: APPLE MATH

Focus: COUNTING CONCEPTS AND COLOR RECOGNITION

1. Have ready multiple baskets of apples.
 - Ask children to identify how many of each - red, green, and yellow?
 - How many in all?
 - Sort apples by color and size.
2. Give each child gets an apple. Counts the seeds (follow with art project)

Activity: APPLE ART

Focus: MATH, ART MEDIUM

APPLESEED– Have students glue counted seeds onto a a construction paper apple

PRINTMAKING - Use cut up apples to stamp paint design onto paper or card

SHINY APPLE DRAWING – Have students firmly color an apple shape with crayon, “Shine” with tissue to give apple a waxy finish

Activity: PLANTING SEEDS

Focus: SCIENCE, NATURE, FARMING

Plant apple seeds in cups (detailed steps to follow) monitor growth

Activity: REAL ORVIRTUAL VISIT TO AN APPLE FARM (options available online)

Focus: Farming, food cycle, science

