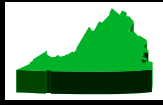


Apple Craft



Learning Goals: To learn interesting facts about the growth cycle and uses of apples.



Introduction

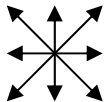
The book, *Apples*, provides an excellent overview of apples, including history and science concepts. Children will learn about the life cycle of apples, their origin in the United States, as well as their uses.

Materials

- ◆ *Apples* by Gail Gibbons
- ◆ 4, 1"x12," red strips of construction paper per student
- ◆ Hole punch
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Stapler
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Green Construction paper

How to:

1. Read *Apples* to a group of children.
2. Discuss new facts that children learned from the book.
3. Pass out 4 red strips of construction paper to each child.
4. Older children may wish to cut their own strips of construction paper.
5. Lay the strips on a flat surface (writing facing down), so that they form a star. See diagram to right.
6. Glue the strips together at the middle meeting point (you may also use a stapler).
7. Gather the ends to form an apple shape. Staple strips together at the top.
8. Draw and cut out a leaf from the green construction paper.
9. Staple or glue leaf to top of apple.



Suggestions for the classroom

After making the apple, cut seeds out of brown construction paper. On each side write an apple fact. Slide the seeds into the apple.

Apple Facts

- ◆ Virginia growers produce an average of 8 to 10 million bushels of apples per year.
- ◆ Apple varieties grown in Virginia include Red Delicious, Fuji, and Granny Smith.
- ◆ Frederick County is Virginia's largest producer of apples.

Books:

Apples by Gail Gibbons ISBN 0-8234-1669-0

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