

Lesson Plan Activity #1

Overview:

Students will learn about the story of Johnny Appleseed. The purpose of this lesson is to gain knowledge of about an important man in history and his contribution to society.

Objectives:

Learn about an important person in history.

Participate in group discussion.

Write a story about (or color a picture of) Johnny Appleseed.

Materials:

Johnny Appleseed book

Chalkboard or overhead projector with plain transparency sheets

Pencils, Markers or Crayons

Construction Paper

Introduction:

Teacher will ask students if they have ever heard of a man named Johnny Appleseed. Explain that the name Johnny Appleseed is based on a real man named John Chapman. Tell students that they will be hearing the story of Johnny Appleseed. Find and read book on Johnny Appleseed.

Procedure:

After reading book, ask students about the story. Write down or draw a picture of responses on chalkboard or overhead projector.

Next, ask students to write and/or color pictures of Johnny Appleseed (or this may be a page to include in student's journal).

Assessment:

Check pictures or journals to see if students understood the story. Ask students if they enjoyed the book. Ask them if what Johnny did was important to people today. Why or why not?

Ways to Extend:

A fieldtrip to an apple orchard (such as Carrigan Farms) is a nice extension of this activity.

Lesson Plan Activity #2

Objectives:

Estimate the number of seeds in an apple.

Discussion:

Find and read background information on apples to class (feel free to use Carrigan Farms background material).

May also want to discuss Johnny Appleseed to students.

Materials/Arrangements Needed:

Apples (cut apples in vertical segments)

Newspapers

Make copy of Carrigan Farms overhead transparency classroom Apple Estimation Activity sheet

Make copy (for each student) of Carrigan Farms student Apple Estimation Activity sheet

Procedure:

Give each child an apple (or use one apple for the classroom)

Ask each child to estimate number of apple seeds

Use Carrigan Farms classroom Apple Estimation Activity sheet to write down responses

Also, ask each child to write down their response on student activity sheet

Count the actual number of seeds. Record responses on classroom transparency and student activity sheets.

Children may color picture at bottom of student sheet.

Assessment:

Monitor student's estimation and sorting skills and usage of language.

Ways to Extend:

(1) Have students make apple presses with their apple segment and paint onto paper or plain t-shirts.

(2) Have a "taste test": Buy at least 4 different apple varieties (Granny, Delicious, Fuji, Braeburn, etc) and slice into kid-sized slices. Ask students to rate their favorites.