

Home Preschool 101

LESSON PLANS

Ten Apples Up On Top

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MATERIALS LIST

Ten Apples Up On Top

Apples

Red, yellow, and green pompoms

Dot markers

Red glass jewels

ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST

Ten Apples Up On Top

<i>Math</i>		<i>Science</i>	
10 apples		Apple building	
Dice game		Dissolving apples	
Falling apples		Dropped apples	
Number book		Apple tower challenge	
Apple shapes		Baked cotton ball apple tree	
<i>Literacy</i>		<i>Read Alouds</i>	
Apples on top name activity			
Story retelling			
Rhyming words			
Apple word count			
I Would Writing			
<i>Arts and Crafts</i>		<i>Fine Motor/Sensory</i>	
Apple splat art		Apple sensory bin	
Self portrait			
<i>Other</i>		<i>Other</i>	
Apple balancing			
Gross motor cards			

SKILLS CHECKLIST

Ten Apples Up On Top

		M1: 10 apples	M2: Dice game	M3: Falling apples	M4: Number book	M5: Apple shapes	S1: Apple building	S2: Dissolving apples	S3: Dropped apples	S4: Apple tower challenge	S5: Baked cotton ball apples	L1: Apples on top names	L2: Story retelling	L3: Rhyming words	L4: Apple word count	L5: I Would Writing
<i>Literacy</i>	Print conveys meaning															X
	Rhyming													X		
	Letter knowledge											X				
	Left-to-right progression											X			X	X
	Oral language skills												X			X
	Concept of a word														X	
<i>Math</i>	Shapes and colors					X										
	Sorting by attribute															
	Patterns															
	Numeral knowledge	X			X											
	Counting	X	X	X	X											
	One-to-one correspondence		X													
	Addition			X												
<i>Science</i>	Scientific observation and investigation							X	X	X	X					
	Observe and describe living processes								X							
	Describe physical properties of objects							X								
	Explore and observe the natural world															
	Weather, four seasons, & daily routines															
	Engineering						X			X						
<i>Other</i>	Fine motor skills					X	X									

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BOOK LIST

Ten Apples Up On Top

<i>Ten Apples Up On Top</i> by Dr. Seuss
<i>Ten Red Apples</i> by Pat Hutchins
<i>Ten Little Apples</i> by Natalia Vasquez
<i>Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3</i> by Bill Martin Junior
<i>5 Little Apples</i> by Yusuke Yonezu
<i>Ten, Nine, Eight</i> by Molly Bang
<i>My First Numbers: Let's Get Counting</i> by DK Publishing
<i>Apples</i> by Samantha Berger
<i>The Biggest Apple Ever</i> by Steven Kroll
<i>One Green Apple</i> by Eve Bunting

FULL DAY LESSON PLAN

Ten Apples Up On Top

TIME		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
15 min	Calendar	Songs & Calendar Time	Songs & Calendar Time	Songs & Calendar Time	Songs & Calendar Time	Songs & Calendar Time
15 min	Math	10 apples	Dice game	Falling apples	Number book	Apple shapes
30 min	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
45 min	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play
30 min	Science	Apple building	Dissolving apples	Dropped apples	Apple tower challenge	Baked cotton ball apple tree
20 min	Read Aloud	<i>Apples Up On Top</i> by Dr. Seuss	<i>Ten Red Apples</i> by Pat Hutchins	<i>Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3</i> by Bill Martin, Jr.	<i>Ten, Nine, Eight</i> by Molly Bang	<i>Ten Little Apples</i> by Natalia Vasquez
25 min.	Literacy	Apples on top name activity	Story retelling	Rhyming words	Apple word count	I Would Writing
45 min.	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play
90 min.	Lunch/Outdoors	Lunch/Outdoor Play	Lunch/Outdoor Play	Lunch/Outdoor Play	Lunch/Outdoor Play	Lunch/Outdoor Play
60 min.	Story/Nap	Read Aloud/Nap Time	Read Aloud/Nap Time	Read Aloud/Nap Time	Read Aloud/Nap Time	Read Aloud/Nap Time
	Other	Apple balancing	Gross motor cards	Apple splat art	Self portrait	Apple sensory bin

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LESSON ACTIVITIES - EXPLANATION

Ten Apples Up On Top

Math	Science	Literacy	Other
<p><u>10 Apples</u> - Gather 10 real (or fake) apples. Point to each one while counting to 10. Extend the activity by adding magnetic numbers or printable apple numbers. (TF)</p>	<p><u>Apple Building</u> - Cut an apple into 10 pieces. Use toothpicks and the apple pieces to build structures.</p>	<p><u>Apples Up On Top Name Activity</u> - Make or print apple letters to make names.</p>	<p><u>Apple balancing</u> - See how many apples (either real apples or bean bags) can be balanced on the head without falling.</p>
<p><u>Dice Game</u> - Place pictures of the players at the bottom of a piece of paper. Taking turns, each player rolls a die, and then stamps the appropriate number of dots on top of the pictures. (using a dot stamp marker).</p>	<p><u>Dissolving Apples</u> - Cut an apple into 10 equal pieces. Place each into a separate liquid or solution (water, soda, etc.). Observe to see which dissolves the apple quickest.</p>	<p><u>Story Retelling</u> - Retell the story by acting it out together and/or drawing pictures of each part of the book.</p>	<p><u>Gross motor cards</u> - Make cards for each movement from the book. Choose cards at random and mimic those actions inside or out.</p>
<p><u>Falling Apples</u> - Grab 10 apple-colored pompoms to play this math game.</p>	<p><u>Dropped Apples</u> - Explore the effects of gravity on apples. Explore what happens when an apple is dropped from the height of one foot? What about one inch? Be sure to record observations and results.</p>	<p><u>Rhyming Words</u> - Brainstorm a list of words that rhyme with "top".</p>	<p><u>Apple Splat Art</u> - Use red, green, and yellow pompoms along with matching colored paint. Explore splat art. Use pieces of apple as an alternative to the pompoms.</p>
<p><u>Number Book</u> - Create a mini book. Staple half-sheets of paper together. Write 1 on the first page, 2 on the second page, etc. Add the appropriate number of apple stickers to each page.</p>	<p><u>Apple Tower Challenge</u> - Use play dough and real (or fake) apples to try and build an apple tower that is 10 apples tall.</p>	<p><u>Apple Word Count</u> - Choose a sentence from Ten Apples Up On Top. Make a line showing one apple for each word in the sentence. Repeat.</p>	<p><u>Self Portrait</u> - Use crayons, colored pencils, or pastels to create a self portrait with 10 apples on top of your head. Extend by drawing pictures of the whole family. Use real apples as stamps, as an alternative.</p>
<p><u>Apple Shapes</u> - Draw shapes on a paper. Use apple-colored pompoms to trace over the shapes. (TF)</p>	<p><u>Baked Cotton Ball Apple Tree</u> - Mix equal parts water and flour, then add red food coloring. Bake for about an hour in 300 degrees oven. Draw a tree for the cotton ball apples.</p>	<p><u>I Would Writing</u> - Brainstorm a list of things you could do if you could balance 10 apples up on top.</p>	<p><u>Apple Sensory Bin</u> - Add numbers to the glass jewels for added math fun.</p>

(TF) - Toddler-friendly ideas that would work when home with children of different ages.

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

Ten Apples Up On Top

These activities would work well as centers or work boxes during free play time. They're meant to allow children the chance to play, explore, and practice preschool skills on their own. Children may still need some assistance at times, of course. They're broken down by subject area for reference. (TF) =Toddler-Friendly

Math

Apple Lego Towers - Using red, yellow, and green Legos make towers for each number from 1 to 10.

Apple Patterns - Use apple-colored pompoms to make patterns

Literacy

Apple Letters - Use apple-colored pompoms to make letters.

Science

Dehydrate Apples - Cut apart an apple. Brainstorm materials that might dehydrate an apple (different kinds of salt, etc.). Set up an experiment and observe the changes over a few days.

Sensory

Play Dough Apple Towers - Make red, yellow, and green play dough balls. Try to stack them to make apple towers.

(TF)

Block Play

Apple Blocks - Tape [apple number cards](#) to blocks. Try to build a tower of 10 apple blocks. See if the blocks can be balanced on items around the house.

Arts and Crafts

Apple Trees - Use crayons and dot markers to create apple trees with 10 apples hanging in them. Make an entire apple orchard with different amounts of apples in each tree.