

# Home Preschool 101

# LESSON PLANS

*Apples*

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## MATERIALS LIST

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### *Apples*

Apples of different colors

Yellow, green, and red pompoms

Dot paint markers

Tissue paper

Decorative apples (optional)

Red felt

# ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST

## Apples

<i>Math</i>		<i>Science</i>	
Counting apples		Apple exploration	
Taste test graphing		Oxidation experiment	
Apple number cards		Apple decomposition	
Apple patterns		Label an apple	
<a href="#">Dice game</a>		Apple eruptions	
<i>Literacy</i>		<i>Read Alouds</i>	
Apple names			
Apple words			
<a href="#">Emergent reader</a>			
Sensory writing tray			
Apple stand			
<i>Arts and Crafts</i>		<i>Fine Motor/Sensory</i>	
<a href="#">Tissue paper art</a>		<a href="#">Bobbing for apples</a>	
<a href="#">Spicy apple art</a>			
<i>Other</i>		<i>Other</i>	
Field trip			
Cooking			

# SKILLS CHECKLIST

## Apples

		M1: Counting apples	M2: Taste test graphing	M3: Number cards	M4: Apple patterns	M5: Dice game	S1: Apple exploration	S2: Oxidation experiment	S3: Apple decomposition	S4: Label an apple	S5: Apple eruptions	L1: Apple names	L2: Apple words	L3: Emergent reader	L4: Sensory writing tray	L5: Apple stand
<i>Literacy</i>	Print conveys meaning												X	X		X
	Rhyming															
	Letter knowledge											X	X		X	
	Left-to-right progression											X	X	X		
	Oral language skills															X
<i>Math</i>	Shapes															
	Sorting by attribute	X														
	Patterns				X											
	Numeral knowledge			X												
	Counting	X	X	X		X										
	One-to-one correspondence					X										
<i>Science</i>	Scientific observation and investigation						X	X	X		X					
	Observe and describe living processes															
	Describe physical properties of objects						X	X	X	X						
	Explore and observe the natural world						X	X	X							
	Weather, four seasons, & daily routines															
<i>Other</i>	Fine motor skills				X										X	

Apples

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# BOOK LIST

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## *Apples*

<i>The Apple Pie Tree</i> by Zoe Hall
<i>Apples, Apples, Apples</i> by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
<i>Ten Red Apples</i> by Pat Hutchins
<i>Apples</i> by Gail Gibbons
<i>How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World</i> by Marjorie Priceman
<i>One Green Apple</i> by Eve Bunting
<i>Apples for Everyone</i> by Jill Esbaum
<i>Apple Farmer Annie</i> by Monica Wellington
<i>Apples</i> by Ken Robbins
<i>An Apple Pie for Dinner</i> by Susan VanHecke
<i>Up, Up, Up! It's Apple Picking Time</i> by Jody Fickes Shapiro
<i>Apples</i> by Jacqueline Farmer
<i>The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree</i> by Gail Gibbons
<i>Johnny Appleseed</i> by Jodie Shepherd
<i>I Am an Apple</i> by Jen Marzollo
<i>How Do Apples Grow?</i> by Betsy Maestro
<i>The Biggest Apple Ever</i> by Steven Kroll
<i>Apples A to Z</i> by Margaret McNamara
<i>Apple Pie ABC</i> by Alison Murray
<i>Ten Little Apples</i> by Natalia Vasquez

# FULL DAY LESSON PLAN

## Apples

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	Counting apples	Taste test	Apple number cards	Apple patterns	<a href="#">Dice game</a>
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 exploration	Oxidation experiment	Apple decomposition	Label an apple	Apple eruptions
20 min	Read Aloud	<i>Apples</i> by Gail Gibbons	<i>Up, Up, Up! It's Apple Picking</i>	<i>The Apple Pie Tree</i> by Zoe Hall	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i> by Jodie Shepherd	<i>Apple Farmer Annie</i> by Monica Wellington
25 min.	Literacy	Apple Names	Apple words	<a href="#">Apple emergent reader</a>	Sensory writing tray	Apple stand
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	Field trip	<a href="#">Tissue paper art</a>	Cooking	"Bobbing" for apples	Spicy apple art

# HALF DAY LESSON PLAN

## Apples

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	Counting apples	Taste test	Apple number cards	Apple patterns	<a href="#">Dice game</a>
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 exploration	Oxidation experiment	Apple decomposition	Label an apple	Apple eruptions
20 min.	Read Aloud	<i>Apples</i> by Gail Gibbons	<i>Up, Up, Up! It's Apple Picking</i>	<i>The Apple Pie Tree</i> by Zoe Hall	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i> by Jodie Shepherd	<i>Apple Farmer Annie</i> by Monica Wellington
25 min.	Literacy	Apple Names	Apple words	<a href="#">Apple emergent reader</a>	Sensory writing tray	Apple stand
45 min.	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play



# LESSON ACTIVITIES - EXPLANATION

## Apples

Math	Science	Literacy	Other
<u>Counting Apples</u> - Count apples, then sort them by color and/or size. (TF)	<u>Apple Exploration</u> - Cut open an apple and explore it using all 5 senses.	<u>Apple Names</u> - Write the letters in the child's name using a pencil. She can use dot paint markers to trace over the letters.	<u>Field Trip</u> - Take a trip to a local farm or orchard and go apple picking. (TF)
<u>Taste Test</u> - Host an apple taste test and graph the results. <a href="#">Graph with apple prints and glass jewels.</a>	<u>Oxidation Experiment</u> - Brainstorm liquids that might help prevent apples from turning brown. Predict and set up an experiment and observe what happens.	<u>Apple Words</u> - Brainstorm a list of words related to apples. Use those words in journal writing and stories.	<u>Tissue Paper Art</u> - Create <a href="#">tissue paper apple tree art</a>
<u>Apple Number Cards</u> - Sort, count, and match numbers using these <a href="#">printable apple cards</a> .	<u>Apple Decomposition</u> - Set out to observe how long it takes an apple to decompose. Set out a whole apple, an apple cut in half, and an apple cut into many pieces. Record observations in a journal.	<u>Apple Emergent Reader</u> - Print out <a href="#">this easy reader</a> and children can be illustrators. So many early literacy concepts can be explored at this time.	<u>Cooking</u> - Research apple recipes and cook one together. Crockpot applesauce is a great place to start.
<u>Apple Patterns</u> - Use green, red, and yellow dot markers to create patterns. Explore AB, ABC, ABB, etc. patterns.	<u>Label an Apple</u> - Slice an apple in half. Observe each half and draw a picture. Label each part of the apple.	<u>Sensory Writing Tray</u> - Place oats in a tray with a dusting of cinnamon. Add cinnamon sticks to use as a writing tool. Practice letter writing and mark-making.	<u>"Bobbing" for Apples</u> - Use decorative apples for this <a href="#">fine motor sensory activity</a> .
<u>Dice Game</u> - Grab some dice and crayons. Then print and play an <a href="#">apple dice game</a> .	<u>Apple Eruptions</u> - Make apple "volcanos" by adding baking soda to cored apples. Add vinegar to watch the apples foam. (TF)	<u>Apple Stand</u> - Put together an apple pretend play stand. "Sell" apples and apple products. Write signs and menus for the stand. (TF)	<u>Spicy Apple Art</u> - Add cinnamon to paint to make <a href="#">this scented apple art</a> .

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

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# INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

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## *Apples*

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 Numbers](#) - Place apple numbers on a tray. Use apple-colored glass gems or "[tiny apples](#)" to count and match with the numbers.

[Apple Pompoms](#) - Set out red, yellow, and green pompoms. Use tongs or fingers to sort the pompoms and create patterns.

### Literacy

[Apple Emergent Reader](#) - Allow the children time to read (and reread) the apple book they made this week.

[Apple Name Activity](#) - Thread the "worm" through apple letters in the correct order to create name.

### Science

[Observation Journal](#) - Observe the science experiments throughout the week. Write and draw about any changes that are noticed.

### Sensory

[Apple Play Dough Invitation](#) - Make red play dough and add a few accessories for the children to use. (TF)

[Apple Cinnamon Sensory Bin](#) - Add some simple household ingredients to create the base of this sensory bin.

### Block Play

[Build Apples](#) - Use LEGO bricks to create apples and apple trees.

### Arts and Crafts

[Button Apple Tree](#) - Set out buttons, cinnamon sticks, and felt. Children can create their own apple tree art with these materials.

[Paint Apple Trees](#) - Free paint apple trees. Perfect for after a trip to visit an apple orchard.