

# Apples

A Thematic Cross-Curricular Unit



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## Making the Most of Books

This themed correlation of activities is intended to assist primary educators in extending and integrating student learning. We have chosen a format that addresses a wide variety of learning styles and approaches. All of the activities included in this apple themed packet are designed to meet the educational standards in an exciting and innovative manner. We have chosen our favorite classroom activities all of which are based upon quality children's literature. The following components have been included to offer you a wide variety of activities to choose from.

**Poem/Song/Rhymes** – There are numerous poetry applications for use in the primary classroom including: shared reading, pocket chart center, writer's response prompt, and sponge activities. Thematic poetry and extension activities have been provided to enhance the learning process. Some ways in which to use thematic poetry include:

1. Use an apple pointer to track and count words.
2. Use apple jacks cereal as an edible manipulative to count words or sentences.
3. Write a poem on sentence strips and then cut in between the words to separate them. Have the students rebuild the poem using these words and a pocket chart. Cut or die cut small apples from colored acetate. Use these apple highlights to point out specific concepts of print. For example: Place the red apples on all of the capital letters, the green apples on all of the periods, and the yellow apples on words that rhyme.

**Student Book** – Individual student books are a wonderful way to promote independence and fluency in reading. Student books can be used as independent seatwork, a center activity, or a homework connection.

**Class Book** - Class books are commonly used to extend a piece of literature and to encourage students to synthesize concepts. The class book in this packet asks students to think about what type of apple treat they like to eat. Each student is asked to complete the sentence: I like to eat apple \_\_\_\_\_. When the students have completed their pages, bind them together to make a class book.

**Writing** – Writing opportunities allow students to extend the learning process while enhancing comprehension. The use of writing connections is paramount to successful student achievement. Several writing prompts and a writing page have been provided for use in centers, writer’s workshop, journals, and guided writing. Student writing can be easily compiled and bound to make a class book.

**Math** – A math mat and activity are provided to explore principles of numeration, algebra and mathematical functions.

**Science** – This is an important component that emphasizes prediction, exploration, observation, data analysis, synthesis, and discovery.

**Cooking** – Three fun filled recipes have been provided. Yum, yum!

**Art** – Art projects provide additional opportunity to extend literature and learning by using various media and accessing student creativity.

**Music** – Thematic piggy back songs have been provided. They make wonderful transition activities.

**Home Connection** – A take home activity has been included to encourage families to share in the learning experience.

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Pick them, wash them, slice and dice. Roll them in sugar and add some spice.