



## Apple Festival

A great Home-School Connection for the fall is to have an Apple Festival. This is the culminating activity of a two-week apple unit that our seven kindergarten classes do that takes place during school hours.

Each teacher, teacher assistant and the school's support personnel plan an apple craft activity or an apple tasting station so that we have plenty of areas for the students to visit. We set the stations up in our outdoor classroom area (or cafeteria if the weather is bad). The activities change from year to year, but here are some that have been done in the past:

- ❖ Apple Smiles - 2 apple slices spread with peanut butter put together with marshmallow teeth
- ❖ Apple Kabobs - apples and other fruit on a skewer
- ❖ Apple butter spread on homemade bread with a sip of apple cider
- ❖ Apple Cake
- ❖ Apple Turnovers
- ❖ Apple Wreath - apple cut-outs glued onto a paper plate with the center cut out
- ❖ Apple Bookmarks - a large craft stick with a red thumbprint apple placed on one end and the student's name
- ❖ Apple Necklace - red, green and yellow pony beads strung in a pattern with an small foam apple cutout in the middle
- ❖ Apple Prints - real apples cut and dipped in paint and printed on paper
- ❖ Apple Hats - apple cut-outs glued to a sentence strip headband
- ❖ Apple Bingo - made on the computer
- ❖ Apple Toss - a beanbag game
- ❖ Pass the Apple - a hot potato type game
- ❖ Face Painting

The week before the festival the students bring in a white tee shirt, and we sponge paint apple prints on them. We wear these at the festival.

Parents are sent an invitation to join their child for the festival activities. Students and their parents wander from station to station for an hour. Our upcoming Apple Festival will be our 10th annual event. It's great!