



Apples & Pumpkins

P.L.A.Y. Plan
(Purposeful Learning and You)

Our Mission: It is our mission to promote learning through play by offering children opportunities to interact with real people and have hands-on interactions with real things.



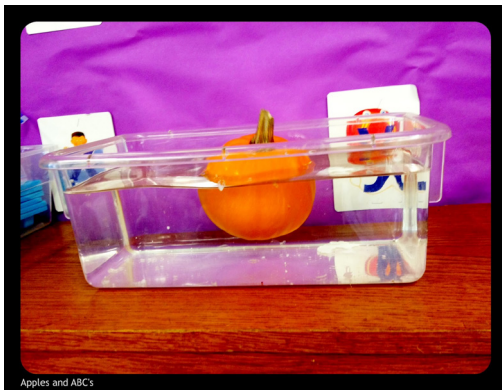
Let's Move ...

1. Take a trip to a local apple orchard or pumpkin patch. Explore and walk around the orchard or patch and discuss the different items you observe.
2. Create an "apple" or "pumpkin" using a ball and toss it back and forth while naming things you know about an apple or pumpkin.
3. Play bowling with a pumpkin or apple. Set up paper towel rolls to be pins and roll the pumpkin or apple to knock down the "pins."

Let's Create ...

- ✓ Pumpkin & apple prints. Dip the bottom of the pumpkin in paint and make prints on the paper. Slice an apple, dip in paint, and make prints on the paper.
- ✓ Pumpkin or apple collage. Look through old magazines and find objects in the colors of red or orange and glue them onto a pumpkin or apple cut out.





Let's Talk ...

- Cut open an apple or pumpkin, look at the inside and outside, and talk about your observations using describing words.
- Talk about the life cycle of each pumpkin or apple from seed to fruit.
- Discuss whether the apple or pumpkin will float when placed in water; then place the apple or pumpkin in a bin of water to see what happens. Talk with your child about what you observe.
- Have your child make an estimate of how many seeds are in the apple and in the pumpkin. Discuss with your child if they guessed more or less.

Fun Facts ...

1. Pumpkins are usually orange but can sometimes be yellow, white, green, or red.
2. The name pumpkin comes from the Greek word 'pepon', meaning 'large melon.'
3. More than 2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the United States, but only the crabapple is native to North America.



Let's Sing ...



5 Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
 The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"
 The second one said, "There's a chill in the air!"
 The third one said, "But we don't care!"
 The fourth one said, "We are ready for some fun!"
 The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"
 So whooooooooo went the wind, and out went the
 lights and 5 little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

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