



The Apple Chain

Learn about the stages of apple growth.

Materials:

- 2 red paper plates
- Hole punch
- Stapler and staples
- Construction paper (green, yellow, pink, brown)
- Tape
- Scissors
- 5 pieces of yarn, 6-8 inches each
- Apple Ag Mag
- Access to www.agintheclassroom.org

Directions:

1. Learn about apples by reading the Apple Ag Mag from your County Farm Bureau®.
2. Have the students make one of each item out of construction paper: seed, tree, blossom, bee, little green apple. You can print these at www.agintheclassroom.org under "Make & Takes." Have the students punch a hole on each side of the items you made with construction paper, except the seed which only needs one side punched.
3. Have the students staple two red paper plates together around 2/3 of the edge. They should leave the other 1/3 open.
4. Have the students tape a piece of yarn to the inside of the stapled paper plates and extend the yarn out of the opening.
5. Have the students add a stem to the red paper plates to make them look like an apple.
6. Have the students tie the little green apple to the yarn coming out of the apple. Tie the bee to the little green apple. Tie the blossom to the bee. Tie the blossom to the tree. Tie the tree to the seed. These should all form a chain.
7. Have the students tuck the green apple, bee, blossom, tree, and seed into the apple. Starting with seed, they can slowly pull shapes out of the apple and tell the story of how apples grow.