

FALL TREES AND APPLES

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GRADE LEVEL AND CONTENT: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Special Education

OVERVIEW

This special education unit targets both IEP goals and adapted academic standards for Kindergarten to 2nd grade students with severe and profound disabilities. Students engage in interactive activities around the theme of fall and apples, including story boxes, cooking, science experiments, and a culminating in-school field trip to an apple orchard. Throughout the unit, students practice communication skills and fine and gross motor skills, while learning prerequisite skills for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies standards.

STANDARDS ADDRESSED

English Language Arts: ELA.K.RI.1; ELA.K.RL.2; EKA.K.W.8; ELA.K.RF.1; ELA.1.RI.1; ELA.1.RL.10; ELA.1.W.8; ELA.2.RI.1; ELA.2.RL.10; ELA.2.W.8

Mathematics: M.K.CC.6; M.1.OA.1; M.2.OA.1

Science: S.K.L.2; S.K.P.1; S.1.CS.5; S.2.CS.3

Social Studies: SS.K.E.3; SS.1.E.1

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

- Video of Unit
- Additional Video of Culminating Activity
- A Letter From the Teacher
- Daily Lesson Plans
- Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down Song Sheet
- Shopping List
- Autumn Toast Activity Sheet
- Apple Tasting Activity Sheet
- Apple Tasting Symbols
- Apple Explosion Experiment
- Apple Color Matching Activity Sheet
- My Apple Activity Sheet
- Properties of Apples Teaching Guide
- Bowling Pin Pictures



ABOUT THE TEACHER

Jamie McFarland is currently a Kindergarten through 2nd grade special education teacher for students with severe and profound intellectual disabilities at Rock Springs Elementary in Lawrenceville, GA. Ms. McFarland received her bachelor's degree in Birth through Five Special Education from the University of Georgia. Her best piece of teaching advice is to believe in every student, no matter what their abilities or disabilities may be – believe that each student is capable, each student is valuable, and that each student has something incredible and unique to offer.