

TEACHER MATERIALS - Peanut Math

- CONCEPTS:** Mathematics - addition
- subtraction
- puzzles
- Reading - comprehension
- following directions

OBJECTIVES: The students will:

1. Complete the computations as directed.
2. Key out the words and learn some fun facts about peanuts.

BACKGROUND: Peanuts are a legume like peas, beans, and alfalfa. Therefore, they are rich in protein as well as good for the soil. Today over 6 million pounds of peanuts--over 9 pounds per person--are consumed in the United States. Peanuts are a very economical source of protein. These activities teach a few fun facts about peanuts, reinforce mathematical skills and add to the knowledge in the Science lessons.

- ACTIVITY:**
1. Have the students complete the addition and subtraction, key out the letters, and fill in the peanut fun facts.
 2. Complete this lesson in conjunction with the peanut lessons in Science on pages 2-64 through 2-80.
 3. Use peanuts as counters for number recognition and writing. Give each student some peanuts. Call out a number and have students count out the same

number of peanuts and then write the number.
Afterward students may eat the peanuts as a snack.

4. Use peanuts to teach the "greater than or less than" concept. Fill different size containers with peanuts to see which have greater or lesser amounts.
5. Using peanuts as counters, make addition and subtraction problems. Create more complex problems for advanced second grade students.

ANSWERS: Peanut Fun Facts --- Addition

1. The peanut **shell** is like a pea pod.
2. Peanuts have protein to make you **grow**.
3. They came from **South** America.

Peanuts Fun Facts --- Subtraction

1. Peanuts grow **under** the ground.
2. You eat **nine** pounds a year.
3. Another **name** for them is goobers.



