

## TEACHER MATERIALS - The Senses

**CONCEPT:** ELA

- Standard 1.1- Listening and Reading
- Career Development
- Standard 3a.1- Basic Skills

**OBJECTIVE:** The students will explore the senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell in describing various items they come in contact with.

**BACKGROUND:** An awareness of the environment, tastes, smells, sounds, and tactile feelings is important to appreciate what we have. Being able to express one's self and be creative in doing so is another skill to be developed.

**ACTIVITY:**

1. Choose a color a week and each day explore what that "color" means in terms of senses. In other words—on Monday of the first week, you ask the students to describe what yellow smells like.
  - on Tuesday, what does yellow taste like?
  - on Wednesday, what does yellow feel like?
  - on Thursday, what does yellow sound like?Make a chart on the bulletin board.

2. On Friday, have the students paint, fingerpaint, or draw the feelings which best describes yellow to them.

On the following pages is a listing of what some colors sound, smell, taste, and feel like to the author.

3. Have the students act out some colors, smells, etc.
4. Tie the alphabet to this with the first letter of the item selected.  
i.e. if brown looks like mud, the letter M should be highlighted.  
Be cautious of words used.
5. Develop a collage for each color of items either drawn or cut

from magazines. Attach real items as well.

6. Have the students sort colors of items into colored boxes after cutting items out of magazines.



7. Tie in nutrition, snacks, and flavors. Bring in spices and have the students smell the spices and tell what it smells like.  
i.e. oregano smells like pizza  
cinnamon smells like apple pie

**Suggested books:** Ehler, Lois. Growing Vegetable Soup. New York: Hartcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1987.

Ehler, Lois. Eating the Alphabet. New York: Hartcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989.

COLOR	FEELS LIKE	TASTES LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE	SMELLS LIKE
Purple	a round, smooth plum	grapes grape jelly grape juice	"The California Raisins"	lilacs
Green	walking barefoot on grass the shade of a large tree the prickles on a cactus the sharp needles on an evergreen tree little round peas the feel of a frog	broccoli celery peas green beans limes	chirping of a grasshopper crunchy celery	freshly cut grass herbs bay leaf parsley sage
Brown	the earth (soil) chocolate mud wood ants a tree trunk leather shoes/boots scratchy burlap a toothpick sand on a beach (hot sand) clay squishing between your fingers the soft fur of a puppy	chocolate hot cocoa graham crackers tea coffee a hamburger maple syrup apple butter a baked potato cola	a tree crashing knocking on wood the snap of a twig underfoot a robin singing (brown/orange) a squirrel eating/gathering nuts a horse running a rock slide or mud slide a bat flying	manure bread baking chocolate cake liver cooking a bar-b-que bacon sizzling apple pie cinnamon smoke
White	snow ice eggs mashed potatoes paper flour sugar creamy ice cream clouds	milk cauliflower cottage cheese	an egg shell breaking paper ripping snow falling ice cracking	air vanilla

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Yellow	Sunshine--warmth, fire — heat yellow #2 pencil dandelion butterfly fuzzy chick bee sting bumpy ride in a school bus	lemons lemonade lemon pie bananas apple sauce butter mustard sweet corn a juicy pear	the crunch of potato chips or corn chips the crunch of a yellow apple	a daffodil egg salad french fries grapefruit
Orange	round, bumpy pumpkin a jack-o-lantern the wings of a monarch butterfly	orange juice peach jello cheeses	crunch of a carrot leaves underfoot	orange cantaloupe squash baking
Red	heat of a hot burner a wiggly earthworm the feet of a ladybug walking on you bricks a rubber band	apple apple juice tomato tomato juice cranberry sauce or juice ketchup beets cherries pizza sauce spaghetti sauce	crunch of an apple the zoom of a sports car a striped tent flapping in the breeze	a red rose a cherry pie
Blue	blue jeans cool water	blueberry pie	waves lapping on the shore waves crashing on shore the wind a babbling brook the sound of a bluebird singing the chatter of a blue jay	blueberry muffins night a cloudless sky after a summer rain