

Apple Counting

Content Area

Math: Number Sense

Objective

Students will:

- Count and recognize numbers

Materials

- Paper plate
- Red and black markers
- Book about apples, such as Apple Countdown by Joan Holub or Apple Here! by Will Hubbell

Background Knowledge

One-to-one correspondence can develop through counting objects and determining the number they represent. This lesson provides students with the opportunity to count seeds and see the written number. Also, Virginia growers produce an average of 8 to 10 million bushels of apples per year. Apple varieties grown in Virginia include Red Delicious, Fuji, and Granny Smith. The majority of apples in Virginia are grown in the Shenandoah Valley area.

Procedure

1. Prepare the following materials prior to the lesson:
 - a. Apple cores made out of paper plate: cut 2 half circles to create a core
 - b. Draw the number of apple seeds you want and write the corresponding numeral underneath.
2. Read a book about apples.
3. Practice counting the seeds with the students using the apple cores.

Extension

Provide apple seeds and allow children to glue them on to a paper apple and write the numeral that corresponds.



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