

Apple Chain

Objective: Use this activity to learn more about the life cycle of an Illinois apple.

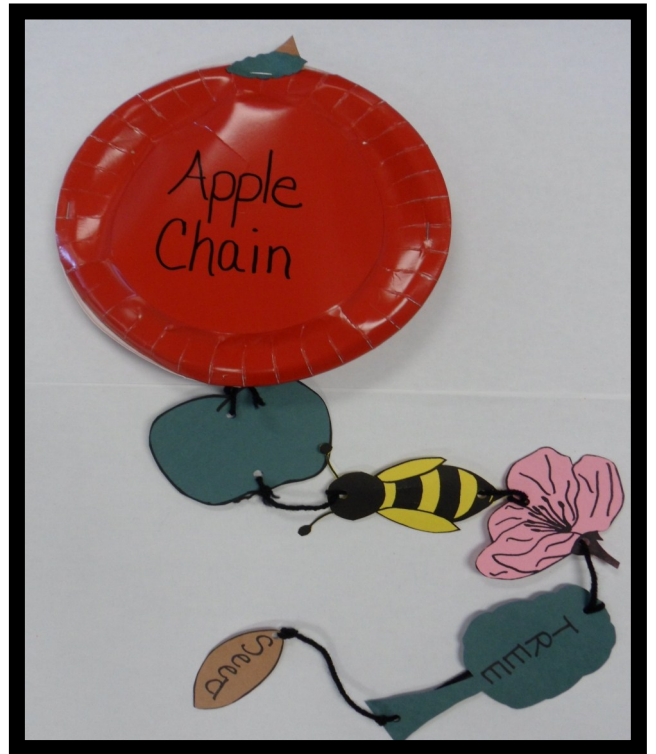
Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12A.2a; 12.A.1b;

Assessment Frameworks: 12.4.01; 12.4.02;12.4.04; 12.4.06

Suggested Reading:

Illinois Agriculture's Apple Ag Mag

Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson ISBN-10: 0689847696



Materials Needed:

2 red paper plates per student (or plain white plates to be colored)

Crayons Glue Scissors Yarn Construction paper (yellow, pink, brown and green)

Hole punch Tape Stapler Apple Chain templates from <http://www.agintheclassroom.org>

Directions:

1. Cut out each item out of construction paper: seed, tree, blossom, bee, little green apple. Punch a hole on each side of the items you made with construction paper. The brown seed only gets one hole punch.
2. Glue two red paper plates together around 2/3 of the edge. Leave the other 1/3 open. Allow time for it to dry. Can also skip glue and staple plates together depending on age of student.
3. Tape or staple a piece of yarn to the inside of the paper plates and extend the yarn out of the opening.
4. Add a stem and leaf to the red paper plates to make them look like an apple.
5. 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 bee to the tree. Tie the tree to the seed. These should all form a chain.
6. Tuck the green apple, bee, blossom, tree, and seed into the apple. Starting with seed, slowly pull shapes out of the apple and tell the story of how apples grow.

