

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

September

Craft: Caramel Apples

Snack: Apple Nachos

Story Ideas:

"The Apple Orchard Riddle" by Margaret McNamara

"The Biggest Apple Ever" by Steven Kroll

"The Mouse's Apples" by Frances Stickley

"Amelia Bedelia's First Apple Pie" by Herman Parish

Caramel Apple Craft

These caramel apples are absolutely adorable and so fun and easy to make! Careful...they look good enough to eat!

Materials:

Apple template (included)

8.5x11 Cardstock/construction paper (red, green, yellow)

Popsicle stick

Googly eyes (optional)

Sprinkles

Glue

Brown food coloring (or mix red, yellow, and blue)

Paint brush

Paper plates

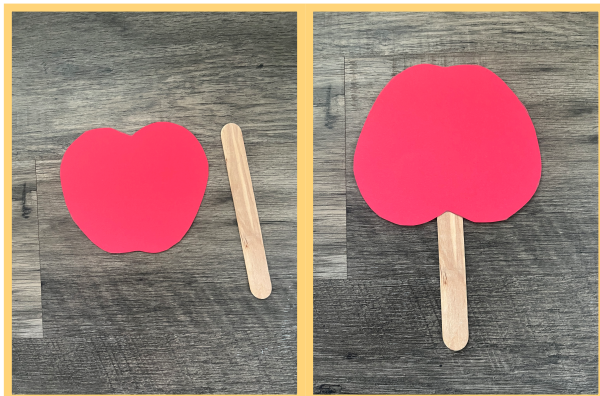
Tape

Black pen/marker



Instructions:

1. Print the apple template, either directly onto cardstock paper (red, green, yellow) - or print and cut the template, trace onto desired color of construction paper, and cut out colored apple.
2. Flip the apple upside down and tape popsicle stick to the back of the apple.

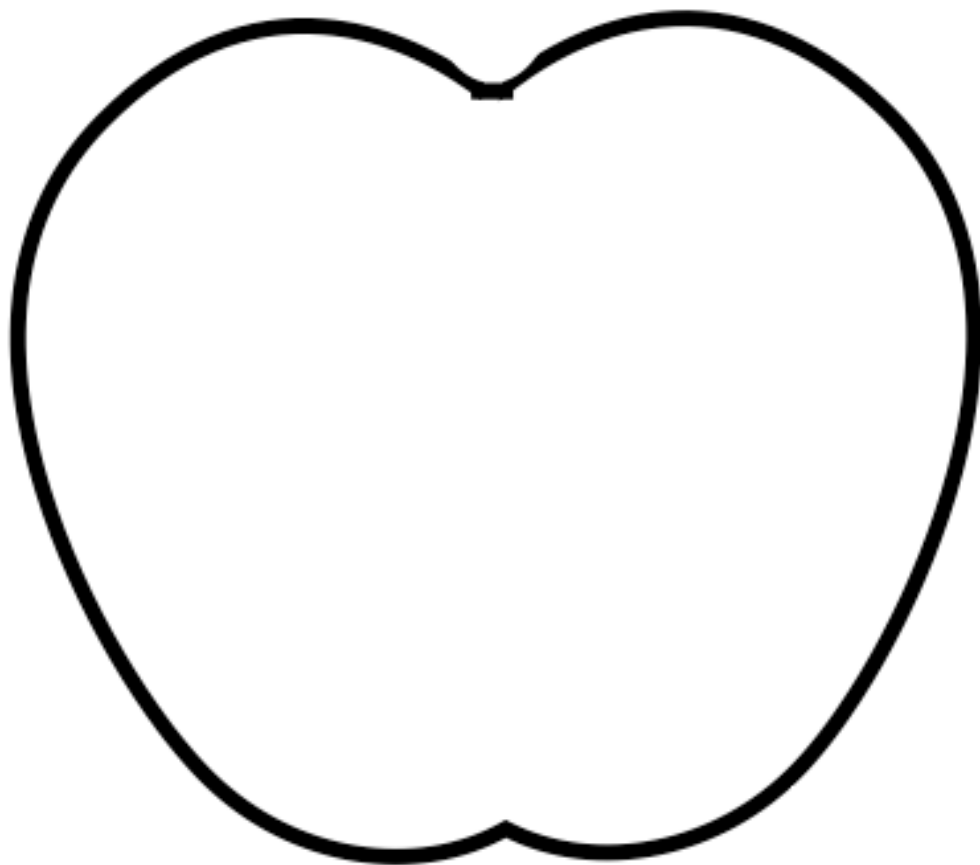


3. On a paper plate, squeeze a large pile of glue and carefully stir in brown food coloring with the tip of a paintbrush. Play around with the color as necessary to achieve the desired color - a light, caramel color, or a deep chocolate color (mixtures of red, yellow, and blue make brown).

4. Use a brush to heavily/thickly paint the brown glue onto the bottom portion of the apple.
5. Sprinkle the wet glue with sprinkles! Allow to dry.
6. Glue on google eyes (or draw some with a black marker).
7. Draw a smile.

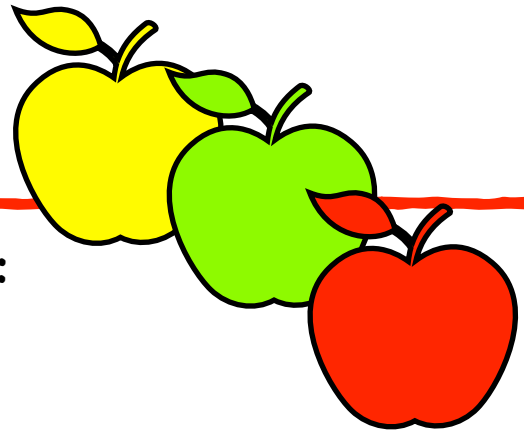
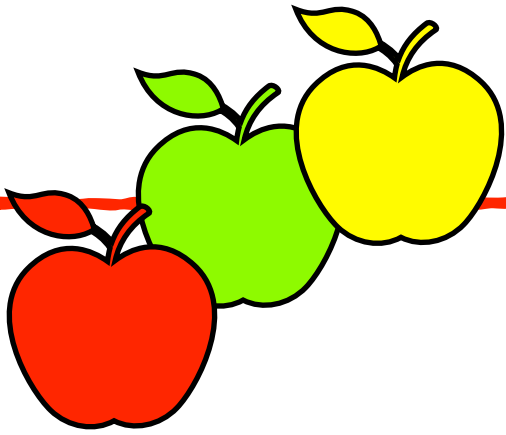


*This craft was modified from the “caramel apple craft” at himama.com



Print on RED, GREEN, or
YELLOW cardstock paper; OR
print the template, cut out apple,
and trace onto red, green, or
yellow construction paper.

Apple "nachos"



Ingredients:

- Apples
- 2 thinly sliced apples
- 2 Tbsp caramel sauce
- 2 Tbsp chocolate sauce
- 1 Tbsp sprinkles
- 1 Tbsp mini chocolate chips

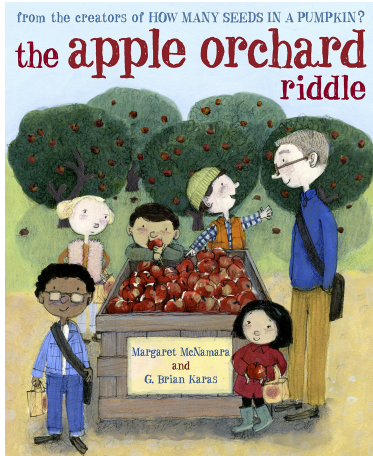
Directions:

1. Take sliced apples and place them on a plate.
2. Drizzle caramel and chocolate sauces over the apple slices.
3. Top the plate with sprinkles and chocolate chips. Eat up!

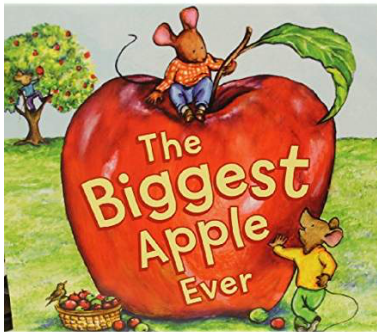
***This recipe was found at dinneratthetoo.com

Apple Read-Alouds for Kids

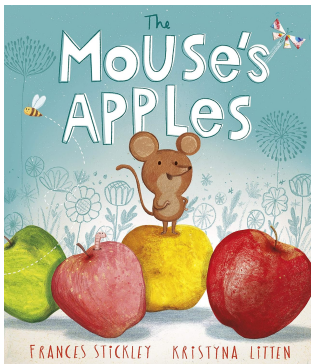
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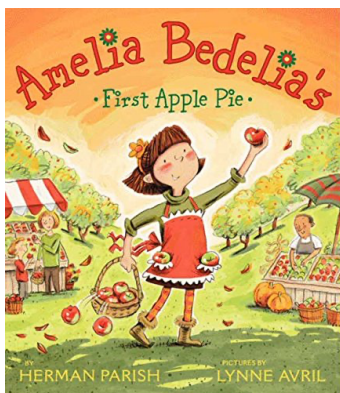
“The Apple Orchard Riddle” by Margaret McNamara - Mr. Tiffin and his students from the perennially popular *How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?* are back in this picture book about a school trip to an apple orchard! In this playful, humorous, and child-friendly classroom story, the students learn a lot about apples and apple orchards—including how apples are harvested, how cider is made, and what the different varieties of apples are—while trying to solve a riddle. The book also celebrates how some children learn differently than others. (Amazon description)



“The Biggest Apple Ever” by Steven Kroll - Clayton and Desmond, the adorable mouse friends, are back in this cute addition to the series. They are learning about apples at school and are determined to find the biggest one! See what kind of fun awaits them as Clayton and Desmond once again learn to work together.



“The Mouse’s Apples” by Frances Stickley - Mouse is having a wonderful day: she’s foraged four plump apples for her tea, the most she’s ever found! But here comes Bear, and he’s feeling especially greedy and mean. He wants every apple for himself. Mouse might have to think up a clever trick to teach Bear a lesson... (Amazon description)



“Amelia Bedelia’s First Apple Pie” by Herman Parish - Amelia Bedelia loves everything about autumn - The colorful trees
Jumping in the leaves
Apples, apples, apples
Warm apple pie
Fun family projects
Hooray for apples!
Hooray for the fall! (Amazon description)