

## Apple Activities

[www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org)



**Apple Chain**

Try out this sequencing activity using red paper plates along with seed, tree, blossom, bee, and apple templates tied together to form a chain.



**Apple Charm**

Wear the life cycle of an apple as necklace! This activity uses plastic jewelry size baggies, pony beads, confetti and yarn to show the different steps in the life of an apple.



**Apple Blossom Tree**

How is an apple tree different in spring verse fall? This activity shows the changes made with the seasons.



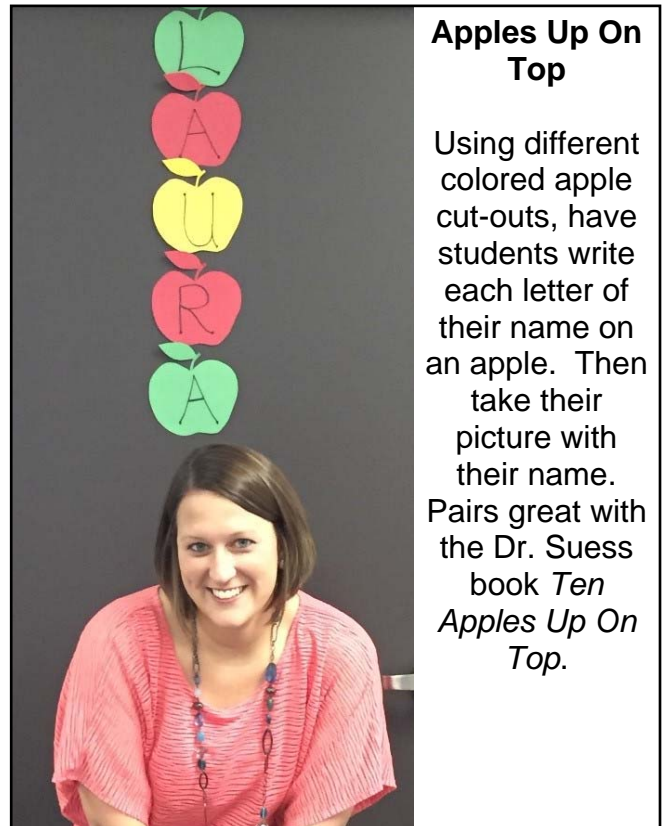
**3-D Apple**

Create your own 3-D apple using strips of construction paper and brass paper fasteners (brads). Beef it up by having students write apple facts on their strips of paper.



**Toilet Paper Roll Apple**

Have fun creating a three dimensional apple while recycling at the same time. Use a toilet paper roll as the apple core.



**Apples Up On Top**

Using different colored apple cut-outs, have students write each letter of their name on an apple. Then take their picture with their name. Pairs great with the Dr. Seuss book *Ten Apples Up On Top*.

## Recommended Apple Books

Book Title	Author	ISBN #
A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds	Jean Richards	ISBN-13: 9780822559917
A Song for Lena	Hilary Horder Hippely	ISBN-13: 9781442429468
An Apple Tree Through the Year	Claudia Schnieper	ISBN-13: 9780876142486
Apple Farmer Annie	Monica Wellington	ISBN-13: 9780142401248
Apple Fractions	Jerry Pallotta	ISBN-13: 9780439389013
Apple Picking Time	Michele Benoit Slawson	ISBN-13: 9780517885758
Apples	Gail Gibbons	ISBN-13: 9780823416691
Apples to Oregon	Deborah Hopkinson	ISBN-13: 9781416967460
Apples, Apples, Apples	Nancy Elizabeth Wallace	ISBN-13: 9780761451815
Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship	Edward Hemingway	ISBN-13: 9780147517487
From Seed to Apple	Anita Ganeri	ISBN-13: 9781403478719
How Do Apples Grow?	Betsy Maestro	ISBN-13: 9780064451178
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World	Marjorie Priceman	ISBN-13: 9780679880837
Johnny Appleseed	Jodie Shepherd	ISBN-13: 9780545223065
The Apple Pie Tree	Zoe Hall	ISBN-13: 9780590623827
The Apple Orchard Riddle	Margaret McNamara	ISBN-13:9780375847448

## The Great Apple Crunch

October is Farm to School Month! To celebrate, Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, in conjunction with the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm to School, is promoting THE GREAT APPLE CRUNCH DAY!

Join us on October 22, 2015, to celebrate Illinois apples. A limited number of school districts across the state have already been targeted to have Illinois apples on their school lunch plates, but other schools can participate by crunching into a locally grown apple on that day!

To participate, use Facebook or Twitter and the tag **#IllinoisAppleCrunch** to showcase a picture of yourself, your family or your classroom, picking, buying, sharing, crunching or simply enjoying an Illinois apple. We'll feature your photo on our Facebook page and show the rest of the Apple Crunch Day community that you support Farm to School Month and Illinois apples!

In addition to the Illinois AITC Apple Ag Mag, a variety of resources are available on the IAITC website, [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org) under "Agriculture in the Cafeteria." What an excellent time to learn more about apples and share that knowledge with local elementary students!