



APPLES-OPINION

An apple is the fruit that represents teachers and education. What do children think of apples? Would they choose another fruit to represent education? Let's find out!

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core State Standards: CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.W.K.1, W.1.1, W.2.1, W.3.1, W.3.1.A, W.3.1.B, W.3.1.C, W.3.1.D, W.4.1, W.4.1.A, W.4.1.B, W.4.1.C, W.4.1.D, W.5.1, W.5.1.A, W.5.1.B, W.5.1.C and W.5.1.D.

Here's the lesson!

1. Engage the students by asking, "Do you know why the apple is a symbol for teachers and school?" (Enjoy their responses)
2. Tell students that there are several theories and that one theory says that a long time ago in Denmark and Sweden poor families would give baskets of apples to their teacher to pay them for their education.
3. Ask the students their own thoughts about apples. Do they like apples? Why or why not? Encourage them to consider appearance/taste/recipes/experiences such as picking apples etc. when answering.
4. Tell the storyline: "You're going to write your own opinion about apples. Then, you're going to write about whether you like or don't like the apple as the symbol for education. Lastly, you're going to write about the fruit that you would choose to represent school.
5. Show the students the five sections:
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Opinion about apples
 - c. Opinion about apples as the symbol for education
 - d. New fruit idea
 - e. Conclusion

Remember: K-1st Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section,
2nd Graders 2 sentences, 3rd Graders 3 sentences and so on.

Now to write!

Guide the students through the following steps so their story is organized and complete. They are free to write these ideas in their own words. (I've written examples in italics for your own guidance.)

1. Begin the introduction by hooking the reader with a question or comment about apples.



Can you remember the last time you ate an apple? Last year? Last week? 2 minutes ago?

2. Write a general opinion about apples.

I LOVE apples! OR I can't understand why people like apples!

3. Explain your opinion with details.

Things that you can mention are, its appearance and taste, apple foods or drinks that you like or don't like and/or any experiences you've had with apples (picking, losing your tooth etc.)

4. Write your opinion about apples as the symbol for education.

An apple is the perfect fruit for school. OR I'm tired of apples.

5. Explain why you think so.

August and September welcome the fall harvest. It's hard to break tradition.

OR

I live in a tropical environment. I think the fruit symbol for education should fit the environment.

6. Suggest a new fruit to represent school. Explain your choice.

*Oranges would make a great school fruit. They're bright in color. They're sweet too!
Pineapples would make a great school fruit! They're refreshing.*

7. Write a conclusion.

Apples are a yummy fruit, but I think pineapples would be a more fun fruit for school.

OR

I don't like apples. I'd rather see oranges at school.