



Edible Apple Glyph

Children make decorative apple glyphs that convey information about themselves—and that also make yummy snacks!

MATERIALS

- ⊙ assorted apples (McIntosh, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and so on)
- ⊙ O-, ball-, and square-shaped cereal
- ⊙ dark and golden raisins
- ⊙ red and black shoestring licorice
- ⊙ green fruit leather, cut into leaf shapes
- ⊙ peanut butter or processed cheese food
- ⊙ plastic knives
- ⊙ paper plates

1 Ahead of time, make a glyph that describes you and your preferences. (See the Apple Glyph Legend on page 13.) For example, if you prefer Granny Smith apples, apple pie, going apple-picking, and you are a girl whose birthday is in the fall, your glyph might look like this:

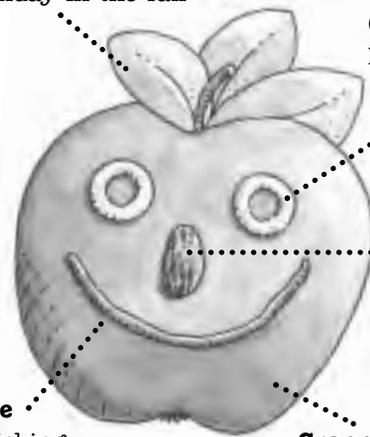
Odd number of leaves
Birthday in the fall

O-shaped cereal
Like apple pie best

Dark raisin
girl

Red licorice
Go apple-picking

Granny Smith apple
Like Granny Smith best



Tip

Check for possible food allergies before doing this activity, and make substitutions as needed.

2 Copy the legend on chart paper. Show children your completed apple glyph. Explain that the features on the apple and the apple itself tell information about you. Then show children the legend and ask them if they can figure out what your apple glyph tells about you. Discuss what each element on the legend represents. Then tell children that they are going to make their own apple glyphs.

3 Divide the class into groups. Provide each group with the materials needed to make the glyphs (apples, cereal, raisins, shoestring licorice, fruit leather leaves) as well as plastic knives and a paper plate with a few spoonfuls of peanut butter or processed cheese food to use as glue.

4 Let children share their completed glyphs with others in their group, using the legend to interpret one another's glyphs.

5 To extend the activity, use information on children's apple glyphs to make a graph. For example, children can graph how many children in the class prefer each kind of apple or apple dish.

Literacy Link

Build classroom community with a compliment tree! Display a large brown construction paper tree on a bulletin board. Cut out red construction paper apples and write a child's name on each. Let children each take an apple (with another child's name on it) and write things that they like about that child on the apple. Tack the apples onto the tree, and invite children to read and share the compliments!

Apple Glyph Legend

Face What kind of apple do you like best?

Golden Delicious

McIntosh

Granny Smith

Red Delicious

Eyes What apple dish do you like best?

O-shaped cereal: apple pie

Ball-shaped cereal: applesauce

Square-shaped cereal: apple juice

Nose Are you a girl or a boy?

Dark raisin: girl

Golden raisin: boy

Mouth Which would you rather do?

Red shoestring licorice: go apple-picking

Black shoestring licorice: eat apples

Leaves When is your birthday?

Odd number of leaves: in the fall

Even number of leaves: not in the fall