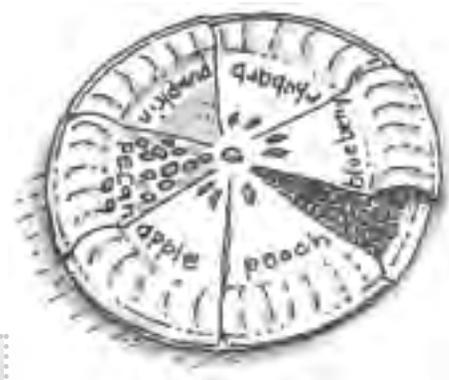


Harvest Fruit Pies

Invite children to “bake” their own pies to celebrate the fruits of the harvest!



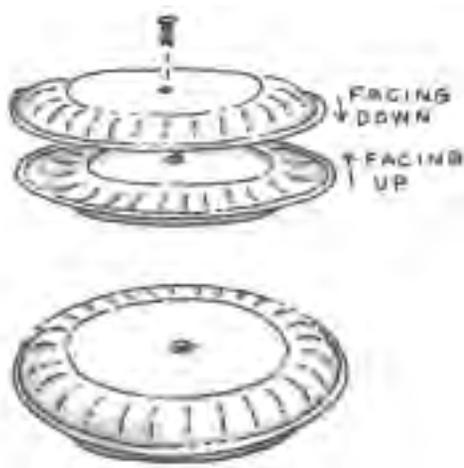
MATERIALS

- ⊙ paper plates (2 per child)
- ⊙ sharp tool such as an awl or compass (for adult use only)
- ⊙ brass fasteners
- ⊙ crayons, colored pencils, and markers
- ⊙ craft materials such as colored tissue paper, construction paper, crepe paper, sequins, glitter glue
- ⊙ glue

1 Ahead of time, nest together two paper plates for each child. Then punch a hole through the two plates in the center.

2 Talk with children about why pie-making is often popular at harvest time. (*There's an abundance of ripe fruits.*) Ask: “What’s your favorite kind of pie?” Make a list of children’s responses. Add other ideas as well. (Examples might include *apple, pumpkin, cherry, blueberry, peach, pecan*, and so on.) Then tell children that they are going to make a pretend pie that has different kinds of fillings.

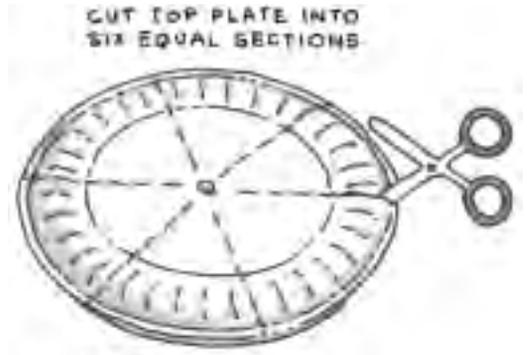
3 Divide the class into groups to work at different stations. Let each child take two of the paper plates and a brass fastener. Show children how to join the plates with the fastener so that the tops face each other. The plates will form a rounded, flying-saucer-like shape.





Read *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World* by Marjorie Priceman (Knopf, 1994) to your class. In this amusing and informative story, a young girl travels the globe to collect the ingredients needed to bake an apple pie. Before reading this story, ask children if they've ever heard someone say, "It's as easy as pie." Read Marjorie Priceman's book and then ask them to decide if the saying is true!

4 Model how to cut six pie-shaped flaps into one of the plates. Make sure not to cut all the way to the brass fastener in the center. The flaps should stay attached to the plate.



5 Invite children to use the craft materials to make a different pie filling under each flap. For example, to make a slice with a cherry filling, children might glue rolled-up balls of red tissue paper onto one section of the plate. Crescent-shaped pieces of light-brown construction paper with a sprinkle of "cinnamon" glitter glue would do nicely for a slice of apple pie.



6 When children have completed the inside of their pies, help them label each flap of the crust with the name of the filling. Then children can decorate the crust of their pies in different ways (for example, crumb topping or lattice crust).

Literacy Link

Invite children to write and illustrate their own pie recipes. Bind them together to make a collaborative class cookbook.

