Conducting An Apple Taste Test

Materials
Apples – Red Delicious, Granny Smith, Yellow Delicious
Construction paper
Washable tempera paint – red, yellow, green
It’s a great way to integrate real, meaningful learning in a fun way. The children get to use all of their senses to explore the apples, which jump starts so much learning.

Have the children try green apples (Granny Smith), red apples (Red Delicious), and yellow apples (Yellow Delicious). Encourage them to try at least one bite of each. Once everyone has tried the apples, take a quick poll to determine each child’s favorite apple.

Graphing
For this activity, have the children use their favorite apple to paint apple prints. Cut a red apple, a green apple, and a yellow apple in half. Those who like green apples paint the green half with green paint, then stamp it onto a white piece of paper. Have the other children do the same with the red and yellow apple halves.

Once the apple prints are dry, cut the apple prints out. Some children might be interested in cutting their own prints out, too. Make sure each child has an apple print representative of her favorite apple!

Write color words on construction paper, then place the words on the top of a pocket chart (or a large piece of paper). Have each child come up and add his apple in the appropriate place. During this time, get the conversation started – “We have 6 red apples so far. I wonder how many more will be added. What do you think?”

Once the graph has been fully assembled, get the children involved in analyzing it! Ask some thoughtful questions. Some examples:

* How many apples are under red/green/yellow? What does that mean?
* Which kind of apples are the most liked? Which are liked the least?
* What else do you notice about our apple graph?
* How many more apples are under red?