

# **Strawberry Activities**

Here are some activities you can implement in your classrooms that connect to the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS).

### **Classroom Connections**

Dramatic Play	Add berry baskets, straw hats, plastic strawberries, cash register, hoes, watering cans, etc.; set up a fruit stand
Block area	Have the children build two buildings from blocks, one the strawberry stand and the other the grocery store. Color and laminate a strawberry patch for pretend picking. Use trucks for delivery of strawberries to the store.
Manipulatives	Copy an assortment of strawberries in small, middle, and large sizes and three baskets. Have the children sort the strawberries according to size and put in the proper basket.
Reading Area	The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Audrey and Don Wood
Art Area	Strawberry Playdough: 1 cup flour, 1 tbsp. oil, 1 pkg, strawberry kool-aid, 1/4 cup salt, 2 tbsp. cream of tartar, 1 cup water. Mix and stir over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes. Remove when forms a ball. Knead until smooth.

#### Rice Cake Pizza

#### PDM2.2a Prepare nutritious snacks with adult assistance

You will need rice cakes, cream cheese, fruit cut into small pieces and plastic knives. You can use bananas, strawberries, blueberries and apple slices. Have the children spread the cream cheese onto their rice cake and then decorate their "pizza" with different pieces of fruit. Enjoy! This can be done in small group.

## **Frozen Yogurt Pops**

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1 C frozen unsweetened strawberries

1 C plain yogurt

5 Tbsp. honey

7 3-1/2 oz. paper cups

7 wooden ice cream sticks

Put strawberries in blender, blend until smooth. Pour into bowl and stir in honey and yogurt. Fill cups 2/3 full with mixture. Put stick in center. Freeze 1-2 hours. Remove from cup and serve.

## Songs and Finger plays

CD-CR3.4a Uses familiar rhymes, songs, or chants, and musical instruments to express creativity

Strawberry Patch - sung to "Paw Paw Patch"

Where oh where are all the children?

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Way down yonder in the strawberry patch.

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Pickin' up strawberries, put 'em in the basket,

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch.

Take the berries home and wash em up

Take the berries home and wash em up

Take the berries home and wash em up

Way down yonder in the strawberry patch!

Slice the berries up and make a pie.

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Way down yonder in the strawberry patch!

Pop Go The Berries - sung to "Pop Goes the Weasel"
All around the strawberry fields,
We picked some juicy berries
We brought them home and washed them off,
Pop! - go the berries!

Grow It, Try It, Like It! from Team Nutrition has a whole unit on strawberries.

<u>Harvest for Healthy Kids</u> has a free on-line activity kit on berries.

Visit <u>Homeschool Preschool</u> for fun strawberry activities.

<u>Teachers Pay Teachers</u> has strawberry themed resources available for purchase.