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I. Introduction or Overview:

A. Apple Orchard:

When there are several apple trees together, they are called an **apple orchard**. There are trees with **red** apples. There are trees with **yellow** apples. There may be trees with **green** apples. The trees are really tall. They look like they are reaching **up high** towards the sky. We need to use **ladders** to pick apples out of a tall tree. There may be some good apples **on the ground** that we can **put in** to our baskets. We will need to **fill** our baskets with apples. I wonder how many apples it will take to fill up the basket. Be careful when you pick up the basket so that the apples don't **spill** and leave the basket **empty**.

B. Pumpkin Patch:

Here is our **pumpkin patch**. There are **rows** and rows of **orange** pumpkins. I see **big** and **little** ones. Some pumpkins are **fat** and **round**, while others are **tall** and **thin**. Some of the pumpkins feel **smooth**. Other pumpkins may feel **bumpy**. Be careful to choose a **ripe**, orange pumpkin to take home and not a **green** one.

C. Produce Stand:

At the **Produce Stand** we sell apples, pumpkins, and **gourds**. We also have apple **juice**, **applesauce**, apple **jelly** and **pies**. Please come and buy something to take home.

D. Language Targets:

Identifying Things Around Us	Proposition Words	Adjectives
apples	up high	big /little
Apple Orchard	on the ground	empty/full
colors: red, yellow, green		fat/round
orange		tall/thin
ladder		smooth/bum
Pumpkin Patch		
row		
Produce Stand		
apple juice		
applesauce and pies		

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E. Roles:

Phrases to Model

Apple Pickers:

"Oh, no, a worm is in this one!" "Be careful, I stepped on an apple." "What big, shiny red apple!"

Pumpkin Pickers:

"That pumpkin is fat!" "That pumpkin is still green. Don't pick that one."
"That is a really big pumpkin!" "Be careful! Can you pick it up?" "This one feels heavy." "This one will make a nice jack-o-lantern."

Farmer at Pumpkin Patch:

"We have plenty of pumpkins," "You may buy as many as you can carry." "Would you like to go on a hay ride?"

Produce Stand Worker:

"Would you like a bag of apples?" "That will cost, \$10.00" "What is apple jelly" "Would you like to taste our apple butter?" "Here are apple and pumpkin pies. They are \$2.00 slice." "Would you like to drink cold or hot apple cider?"

Customers:

"I want to buy 3 pumpkins and 2 bags of apples." "I would like a slice of pumpkin pie with hot apple cider." "How much will this cost?"

F. Props Used in Drama Center:

- Made trees for apple orchard
- paper apples, and plastic push pins for hanging up apples (hole punch apples at top)
- plastic apples,
- apple baskets
- plastic pumpkins
- fake pies and products made by printing pictures off computer and taping on containers (plastic jars, pie plates wrapped in Reynolds wrap)

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F. Props Used in Drama Center continued:

- Signs made : Donahoe Produce Stand which advertised what was for sale
- cash register, play money, fake credit cards (the ones that come in the mail asking one to accept their line of credit) The children love them.
- You can make a map showing how to get to pumpkin patch.
- brown burlap material for pumpkin patch
- The children make paper bag pumpkins to paint and put in patch.

You can get very creative with the pumpkin patch. We planted seeds, then the teachers took the seeds up (so toddlers wouldn't put in mouth or eat) and put out green vines, added orange flowers, then final step to place the pumpkins in the patch.

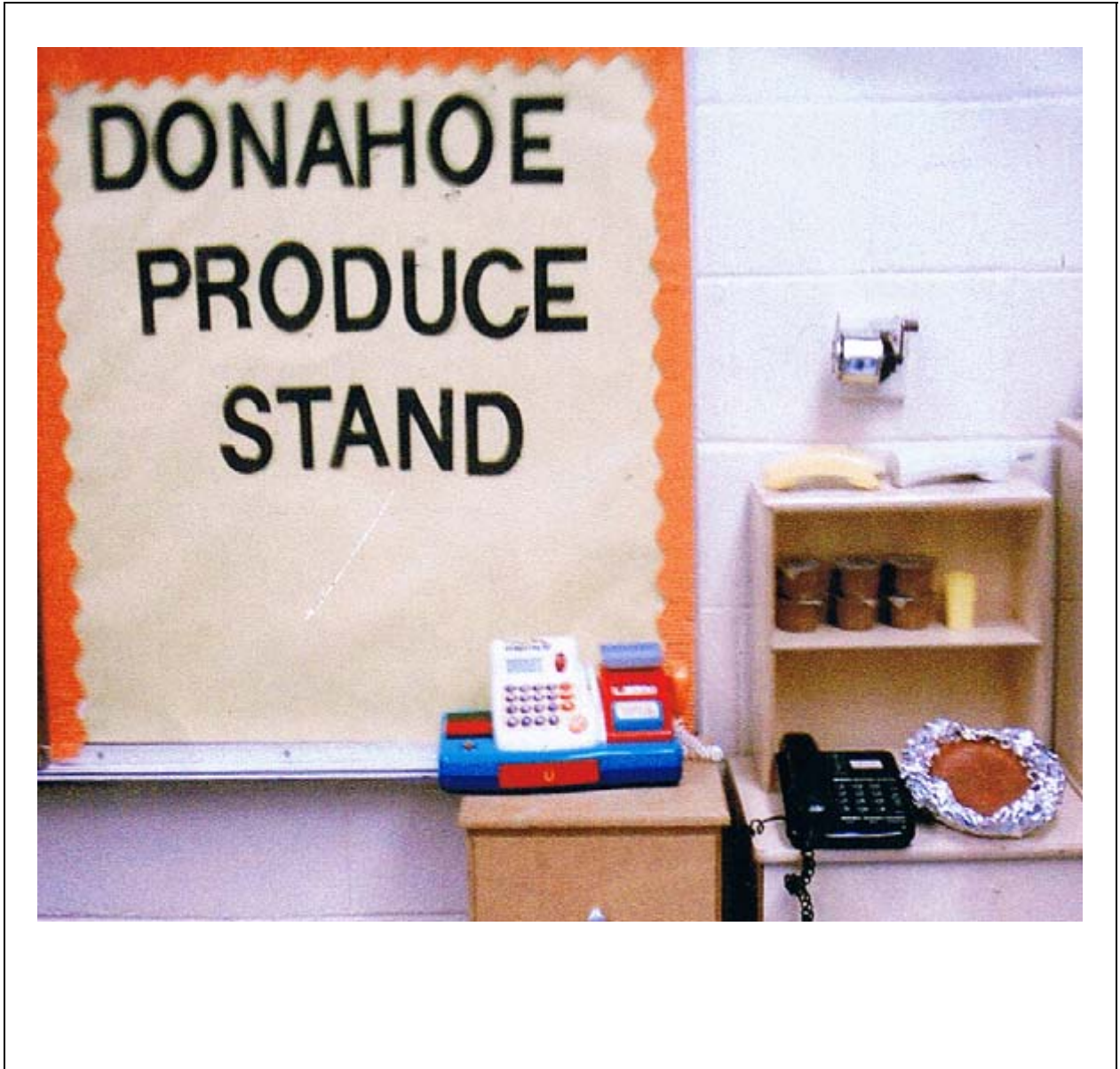
- scarecrow
- bale of hay (we had a small one still wrapped in plastic)
- a child's wagon is great for hayrides and playing farmer
- we also used play food from our kitchen center

Here are a few pictures of the Apple Orchard and Produce Stand in Fall, 2006.



On the right is the burlap material that was the dirt for our pumpkin patch

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Overview of
apple portion
of Produce
Stand: Pies;
2 apple pies
1 pumpkin



The pumpkin section of the Produce Stand. The table was for serving pie slices and apple cider or milk.

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Individual applesauce container above was used for snack that day. Some of my more creative children had decided to open the applesauce to feed our doll. We had quite a time bathing the doll and getting her all cleaned up. It was a wonderful day in our preschool room! So much learning took place!

Fake pumpkin pie : printed from computer, taped in a pie tin and wrapped in foil wrap.

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