

Going to County Fair Unit

My objective focus for this unit will be language as this is the greatest need in my class of Special Needs Preschoolers. I do not teach just one skill in isolation (with the exception of toileting) as cognition, math, self-help independence and social skills are all crucial and incorporated into the preschool day.

I. Virginia Literacy Foundation Blocks

1 -Oral Expression

- The child will develop listening and speaking skills by communicating experiences and ideas through oral expression

a) Listen with increasing attention to spoken language, conversations, and stories read

2-Vocabulary

a) Use single words to label objects

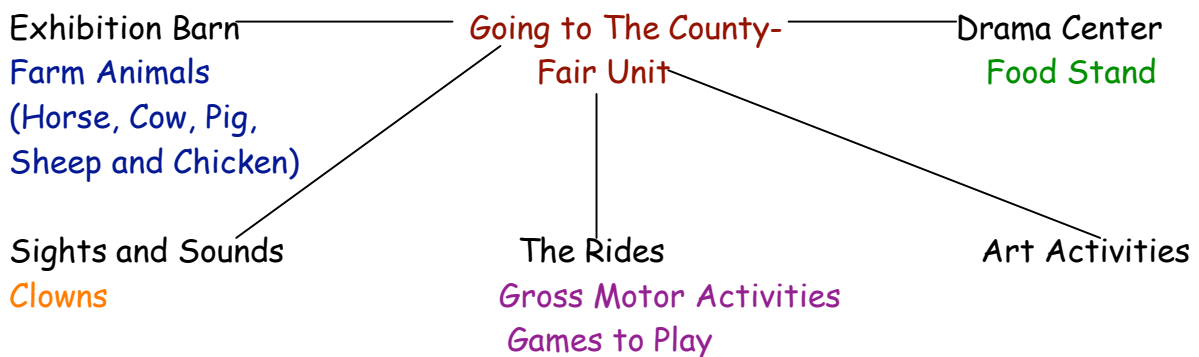
b) Listen with increasing understanding to conversations and directions

c) Follow simple, one-step oral directions

d) Engage in turn taking exchanges with adults and peers

e) Use new vocabulary with increasing frequency to express and describe feelings and ideas

f) Expose children to a wide-variety of experiences



II. Concepts to be taught:

1. Identify and name items at the fair:

- Animals and animal sounds-
- Identify prize ribbons: (Math -1-2-3 order, colors)
- Clowns
- Rides (Pony Rides, Ferris Wheel, Carousals and Games)
- Foods one may eat at the fair

II. Concepts to be taught continued:

2. Sort or categorize pictures into categories: Rides and Food
3. Identify matching pictures
3. Name colors
4. Name shapes

III. Books that can be read:

1. Maisy At the Fair by Lucy Cousins
2. Berenstain Bears Ride the Thunderbolt by Stan and Jan Berenstain
3. Spot and His Grandparents Go to the Carnival by Eric Hill
4. Teacher Made Book, "What I See At The Fair" by Teresa W

III. Drama Center: Food Stand

Props Needed:

- Play hot dogs and Hamburgers
- Popcorn bags filled with Styrofoam peanuts for popcorn (This can also be placed in a Sensory Center- I use my water table for sensory table)
- A scoop for scooping Styrofoam peanuts
- Plastic cups
- I have pretend ice cream cones, pies, and cakes

IV. Literacy Props.

- Make a carnival tent on the bulletin board - Label it your class or school's Carnival
- Make a Fair Sign for the Class
- Ticket Booth and make tickets in different colors. Use the Tickets for playing in centers

V. Play Centers:

- Blocks with toy farm animals/ toy Barn and teacher made carnival rides that Mailbox, Aug/Sept 2010 issue recommends:
 - Use a lazy Susan and I would use masking tape to tape mini cups on and place toy figures in for a ride
- Exhibit Barn: Stuffed Farm Animals in boxes with ribbons.
 - I have a chicken, a lamb, and a pig
- Food Stand: See above

IV. Activities: or Centers: See Farm Unit for more detailed plans for farm

1. Farm Animals

- Will identify farm animal, and the sound it makes
- Use a Teacher Made Farm Book or sentence strip where the children put a picture on the sentence or book in Circle:
Example: A chicken lives on a farm (picture of a barn)
- Hold up toy farm animal and let child choose the correct "mommy" or "daddy" from 2 or 3 choices to choose from.

2. Fair Rides and Games: Gross Motor Activities

***Present Tickets for various games**

Rides

- Pony Rides: Use stick horses for rides
- Squirt that Duck Water Table Race -put rubber ducks in water table squirt duck with spray water bottle
- Small Dora Tent - as a center? (Not sure which one)
- Boat- Go for a boat ride
- 2 Riding Push with feet toys
- Small scooter children sit on
- Green sandbox -? I haven't decided how to use this prop yet- may be reading center

Games

- Toss the Rings on Soda Bottle
- Bowling Game
- Ball Tent
- Toss the bean bags
- Basketball hoop and ball
- The Tunnel
- Horse shoe game

3. Play dough - Facilitate language as the child works with play dough

4. Toy Cars or Monster Trucks Show- use blocks for additional props-
Make an incline and drive the trucks down the ramp

5. Lip Sync Songs for Entertainment Show Use classroom tape player with microphone- we have one.

6. Have a Parade

7. Have a clown day and paint faces

8. Go on a class field trip to the local fair

V. Art Activities:

• Farm Animals

- Match Farm animals (baby to parent)
- Match exact pictures
- Make a Farm book:
 - Front page is barn
 - Cut out paper in the same shape of a barn
 - Put farm animals on each page or
 - Each child can put their favorite animal on page and we make a class book

1. Horse

- Make sponge painted horse shoes
 - Cut out a sponge in the shape of horseshoes
 - Or dip a toy horseshoe in paint and make a print
 - Or trace toy horseshoes with markers -color
 - Add sand to wet horseshoe
- Horse head project:
 - Trace child's foot or shoe for horses head
 - Cut out a neck for horse.
 - Paste on paper and add yarn mane



2. Chicken

- Baby Chick collage:
 - Use pre cut shapes of a chick
 - Paper plate rooster - hand is comb



3. Pig

- Pink paper plate pig and paper features/legs
- Paper pig face



4. Sheep

- Nursery Rhymes- insert a child's name (child's name) has lost his sheep
- Trace hand and add cotton balls and a bow



5. Cow

- Paper bag puppet cow

6. Carrot napkin holder

- Cone shaped orange paper- folded, add green napkin



Clowns

1. Add facial features to a paper plate and use glitter pen or markers to paint design on face (use fake tattoos)
2. Have a clown design and child pick add face
3. Make a paper clown hat by folding paper or make a
4. Clown Hat- use collage materials to make a clown hat

Food Art:

- **Cotton candy:** Use colored cotton balls and put it on a small rolled up paper for a stick.
- **Candy Apples:** Mailbox Aug/Sept 2010 issue: Use muffin paper liner; add stiff paper and color with food color and corn syrup. Put apple in paper liner and glue on a popsicle stick
- **Popcorn bags:** Make a paper bag design - red and white stripes (kids could add them as paper stripes. Glue on real popcorn

Apple Pie:

- Make a tan or brown circle
- Add cut crescents to circle (crust) sprinkle with apple pie spice and red glitter to make a sparkly pie
- Add narrow stripes for pie crust

Ride Art: Ferris Wheel

- Make a large circle and have children decorate with collage materials
- Add egg carton cups (cut out individually) and glue to wheel add pipe cleaner handle on egg carton cups

- Put the large circle/Farris Wheel in a small cup that has slits cut out of sides, insert circle in slits so wheels stand up

Snack Ideas:

1. Have a "fair day" and

- Serve hotdogs,
- Chips,
- Cotton candy,
- Candy and or caramel apples
- Pies to sample - or funnel cake

Decoration Ideas for the Classroom

- Decorate your class with bright colored balloons
- Use a large parachute and hang from ceiling if allowed to do so.
- Use tents class areas as part of theme.