

Community and Home Gardening: Lesson Plan Guide

September

Commit to Health National Recreation and Park Association 4-week Lesson Plan Guide and Worksheet: K-2nd Grade

| WEEK | Community & Home Gardening (CHG) Monthly Topics Extending your garden season & winterizing! Your summer garden is producing yummy, nutritious edibles – learn how to continue to enjoy the harvest even when it is a bit cold! Whole Grains – How are they different than refined grains! | CHG Coloring & Activity Sheets (NOTE: Sheets listed below can be done in any order.) | Fun, Experiential CHG Activities! (NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any order.) |
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| 1 | ☐ Send home CHG newsletter.☐ Point out CHG seasonal poster, read to children. | ☐ Leaves Mulch Coloring (K-2) | ☐ Drying Herbs (K-5)☐ Whole Grains Month Activities (K-5) |
| 2 | ☐ Read the CHG newsletter to the children, ask them if they have ever put plastic, fabric, or some other type of cold protection over their garden; or explain that this can be done to extend the harvest season! | ☐ Plant Protection Coloring (K-2)☐ Preparing Garden (K-2) | ☐ Make a Row Cover Model (K-5) |
| 3 | ☐ Read the CHG newsletter to the children, ask them if they know that there are some things to do to an edible garden before winter so it harvests a lot next summer. | ☐ Take a Peek Coloring (K-2)☐ Winterizing Wordsearch (1-2) | ☐ Flower Panels (2-5) |
| 4 | ☐ If feasible, do a whole grains tasting where you compare whole grain to refined grain products. | ☐ Raining Grains Maze (1-2) | ☐ Make Your Own Cloche (K-5)☐ Eat This Not That WG (K-5) |

Reminders!

- Check the website frequently to download all the fun items listed in the lesson plan above, and for other updates! All files above are listed by name on the site.
- Check out the complementary Foods of the Month lessons and fun at http://bit.ly/NRPAFoM.

