

Foods of the Month: Lesson Plan Guide

January

Commit to Health National Recreation and Park Association 2017

4-week Lesson Plan Guide and Worksheet: 3rd-5th Grade

WEEK	Foods of the Month (FoM) Cruciferous Vegetables Kale, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, arugula, collard	FoM Coloring & Activity Sheets (NOTE: Sheets listed	Fun, Experiential Activities! (NOTE: Activities listed	USDA MyPlate and Other Fun, Healthy Activities!	Fun Being Active! Check off each day when you lead organized physical activity!	
	greens <u>Legumes</u> Lentils, black beans, kidney beans, lima beans, pinto, chickpea, peas	below can be done in any order.)	below can be done in any order.)	(NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any order.)		
1	 Send home FoM newsletter – Cruciferous Vegetables and Legumes! Hang up posters, read them to children 	 Cabbage Word Scramble & Math (3-5) Legumes Word Search (3-5) 	 Legumes Grown in US (3-5) Broccoli Life Cycle (3-5) 	 Send home "MyPlate at Home" (after reading to kids) MyPlate-CrazyColors List Activity (1-5) (focus on cruciferous & legumes) Fuel up to Finish - 3-day Food Tracking Project (3-5) 	 Monday - Bean Games (K-5) Tuesday - Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) Thursday Friday - Green Green Broccoli (2- 5) 	
2	 Read the FoM newsletters to the children, ask them if they ate these foods last week Conduct a food tasting with legumes 	 Cabbage Word Search (3-5) Cruciferous Math (3-5) 	 Bean Mosaic (K-5) How Cabbage Absorbs Water (3-5) 	 Power of Choice Nutrition Label Exercise (3-5) MyPlate Grocery Treasure Hunt (all ages) 	 Monday - Bean Games (K-5) Tuesday Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) Thursday Friday - Green Green Broccoli (2- 5) 	
3	□ Read the FoM posters to the children again, ask children if they talked with their parents about Cruciferous Vegetables and Legumes, and if they ate them last week	 Cruciferous Farm to Table Maze (3-5) Legumes Maze Facts or Opinion (3-5) 	Bean Shekere (K-5)	 Two Bite Club Certificate if cruciferous vegetables and/or legumes are tasted this month! MyPlate Crossword Puzzle (3- 5) 	 Monday - Bean Games (K-5) Tuesday Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) Thursday Friday - Green Green Broccoli (2- 5) 	
4	Conduct a food tasting with different types of raw cruciferous vegetables and dips (ranch, humus, etc.)! Try some cooked if you have the facilities to do this!	 Cruciferous Language Arts (3-5) Legumes Crossword (3- 5) 	 Brussels Sprouts Stamped Snowman (K- 5) If feasible, Grow Lentil Sprouts (K-5) 	 Crack the Secret Code (3-5) Finding Fiber Lesson-Fruit vs Juice (2) 	 Monday - Bean Games (K-5) Tuesday Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) Thursday Friday - Green Green Broccoli (2- 5) 	

Reminders!

- Check the website frequently to download fun activity sheets, view music, and for other updates! All files above are listed by name on the site.
- Try to do food-based activities weekly!

National Recreation • Point to the Foods of the Month posters as you do activities in this lesson plan.

