

Foods of the Month: Lesson Plan Guide

April

Commit to Health National Recreation and Park Association 2017 4-week Lesson Plan Guide and Worksheet: 3rd-5th Grade

	Foods of the Month (FoM) <u>Fresh Herbs & Spices</u>	FoM Coloring & Activity Sheets	Fun, Experiential Activities!	USDA MyPlate and Other Fun, Healthy	Fun Being Active!
WEEK	Basil, thyme, parsley, rosemary, etc. Salad Greens Spinach; kale, arugula, red and green leaf lettuce, romaine, butter lettuce	(NOTE: Sheets listed below can be done in any order.)	(NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any order.)	Activities! (NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any order.)	Check off each day when you lead organized physical activity!
1	☐ Send home FoM newsletter – Fresh Herbs & Spices and Salad Greens! ☐ Hang up posters, read them to children	☐ Herbs & Spices Wordsearch (3-5) ☐ Salad Greens Activities (3-5)	☐ Mr. Herb Head (K-5) ☐ Spicy Fortune Teller (3-5) ☐ Read, National Garden Month Info (K-5)	☐ MyPlate Grocery Store Bingo (read, do practice round, & send home blank card with children) ☐ Fuel up to Finish - 3-day Food Tracking Project (3-5)	
2	☐ Read the FoM newsletters to the children, ask them if they ate these foods last week ☐ Conduct a food tasting with different fresh herbs!	☐ Lucy Lettuce's Salad (K-4)	Grow Your Own Salad (K-5) Fun Ways to Cook with Herbs (2-5) Lettuce Paint (K-5)	☐ Spinach Lane (K-5; some activities are great for older kids!) ☐ Food Crusade: Video Challenge! ☐ MyPlate Draw Lines (2-4)	
3	Read the FoM posters to the children again, ask children if they talked with their parents about fresh herbs and spices and/or salad greens - and if they consumed them last week!	☐ Create a Wrap (3-5) ☐ Salad Greens Wordsearch (3-5)	☐ Label Spices (2-5) ☐ Ripening Science (K-5)	☐ Two Bite Club Certificate if salad greens and/or herbs/spices are tasted this month!! ☐ Word Blanks – ask kids to focus on items that go in a salad! (3-5)	☐ Monday - Fav SuperHero FV (3-5) ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday - Make-A-Salad Race (K-5)
4	☐ Conduct a food tasting with a wide variety of salad greens – talk about color, taste, texture! Ask them to try these healthy foods this week with their family!	☐ Spinach Word Search (3-5) ☐ About Salad Greens (3-5) (use especially if you do a salad green tasting!)	☐ Smelling Spices (3-5) ☐ Spicy Painting (K-4) ☐ Spicy Fun Facts (K-5)	☐ Fruit Imposters (1-5) ☐ MyPlate Kids Food Critic Activity (3-5) (bring in some items/recipes for critiquing!)	☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday - Make-A-Salad Race (K-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!
- Point to the Foods of the Month posters as you do activities in this lesson plan.

