

Foods of the Month: Lesson Plan Guide

April

Commit to Health National Recreation and Park Association 2017 4-week Lesson Plan Guide and Worksheet: K-2nd Grade

WEEK	Foods of the Month (FoM) Fresh Herbs & Spices Basil, thyme, parsley, rosemary, etc. Salad Greens	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
WEEK	Spinach; kale, arugula, red and green leaf lettuce, romaine, butter lettuce	below can be done in any order.)	below can be done in any order.)	(NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any order.)	organized physical activity!
1	☐ Send home FoM newsletter – Fresh Herbs & Spices and Salad Greens! ☐ Hang up posters, read them to children	☐ Paprika Coloring (K-2)☐ Lettuceratops Coloring (K-2)	☐ Mr. Herb Head (K-5)☐ Read, National Garden Month Info (K-5)	☐ MyPlate Grocery Store Bingo (read, do practice round, & send home blank card with children)	
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! 	☐ Paprika Coloring (K-2)☐ 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 (pick some fun activities!)☐ MyPlate Draw Lines (2-4)	 Monday - Read Staying Active on Rainy Days, create your plan! Tuesday - Spot the Activities (K-2) Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) Thursday Friday - Make-A-Salad Race (K-5)
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!	☐ Herbs Coloring (K-2)☐ L is for Lettuce (K-2)	☐ Label Spices (2-5) ☐ Ripening Science (K-5)	☐ Emergent Reader – fruits – Kindergarten (talk about fruits that can be put on salads; raisins, orange segments, apples, tropical fruit, etc.) ☐ Two Bit Club Certificate if salad greens and/or herbs/ spices are tasted this month!	☐ Monday - Fav SuperHero FV (K-2) ☐ 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 Coloring (K-2)☐ Dried Herbs at Home (K-2)	☐ Spicy Painting (K-4)☐ Spicy Fun Facts (K-5)	☐ Fruit Imposters (1-2)	☐ 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.

