

Theme: Stories and Songs of Bill Harley

Suggested Age Level: Preschool (3-5 years old)

Activity: "Aiken Drum" Fruit and Veggie Prints

Subject Areas Addressed: art, fine motor skills, music, color recognition, food identification, listening

Objectives:

1. Children will listen to and talk about the Bill Harley version of the song "Aiken Drum".
2. Children will examine different kinds of fruit and vegetables, and will guess what a stamp made of each will look like.
3. Children will make up their own verses of the song "Aiken Drum" and share and sing them with each other.
4. Children will make prints with cut fruit and vegetables, paint and paper.

Materials: paper plates, paints, a pepper, an eggplant, carrot, apple, potato, an onion, a banana, a pear, celery, paper, Bill Harley tape "Wacka Wacka Woo", tape player

Procedure:

1. Share the song "Aiken Drum" by Bill Harley with the children.
2. Have the children make up their own verses to the song (substituting different food for a body part) and sing them together.
3. Show the children the different fruit and vegetables and have them identify each.
4. Ask the children what they think a stamp made of each food will look like. Ask if they think any particular food will look like a certain body part.
5. Pour paint onto paper plates, one color per plate.
6. Cut fruit and vegetables in manageable pieces for children. (Most can be cut in half)
7. Give each child a piece of paper and allow them to dip the food into the paint and make prints on their paper.
8. When the paint on the pictures has dried have the children share their work, possibly pointing out prints that may resemble body parts, as in the song.