

Activity 13



A SPRING WALK ON THE FARM



STUDY QUESTION:

What do farmers do in the spring?

THE ACTIVITY:

Students write a story to describe spring activities on the farm.

CURRICULUM FIT:

DIVISION ONE - LANGUAGE ARTS

- Developing vocabulary

AGRICULTURE CONCEPTS: Farming: Farm Life

PURPOSE:

To learn vocabulary which explains the activities on the farm in springtime.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Student worksheets included.

TIME REQUIRED:

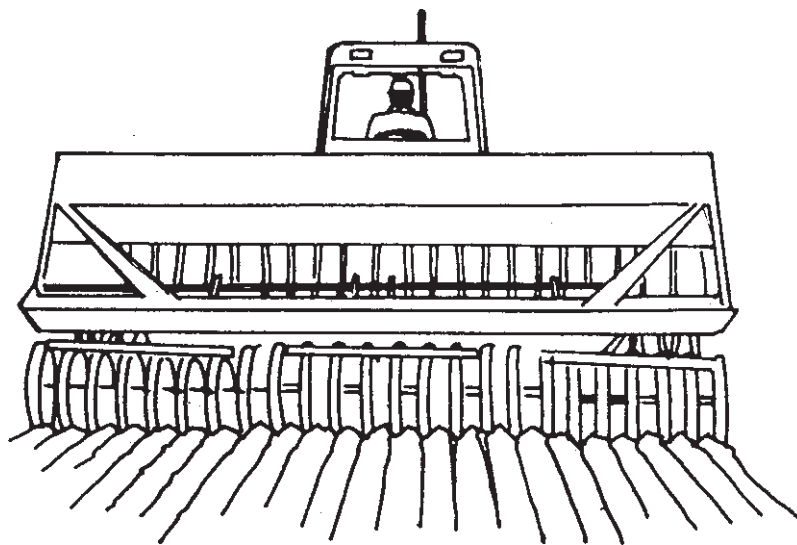
1-2 class periods.



BACKGROUND -- For the Teacher

Students are all aware of the signs of spring in their backyard and their neighborhood - trees are budding, flowers and grass are growing, people are planting gardens. It is important that students understand that farmers have very important tasks in springtime. They too may have a small garden to prepare and plant. In addition, however, the farmer must prepare the fields for planting and attend to farm animals that are giving birth to their young.

By writing a story about springtime on the farm, language arts skills are reinforced. Students are given the opportunity to develop growth in vocabulary and growth in written language by increasing the quantity of language. The importance of springtime in the farmer's life is also stressed.



PROCEDURE

Part 1

- Introduction
1. Brainstorm with students what special activities take place outdoors at their home in springtime; ie. cleaning the yard, digging up the garden, planting a vegetable garden or flower beds etc.

OR

read a story describing a spring walk, eg.

“A Springtime Walk”, by Lucille Wood.

“Now That Spring is Here”, by Aileen Fisher

“What Happens in the Spring”, by Kathleen Costello Beer
(National Geographic Society).

2. Discuss what a farmer may be doing in the spring.

Part 2

- Activity
3. Display a picture of a farm at the front of the room. Tell students that they are going to take an imaginary walk on this farm. It is springtime. We are going to write a story together about everything we see on our walk; ie.
 - a. In the flower beds around the house, tulips and daffodils are starting to grow.
 - b. In the tall tree beside the front porch, a robin is building its nest.
 - c. Behind the house, the farmer’s wife is planting her vegetable garden with seeds - radishes, beets, beans, cucumbers, corn, carrots, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkins.
 - d. The apple tree is blooming.
 - e. The barn is filled with new spring babies - lambs, kids, foals, calves, kittens, puppies.
 - f. The farmer is driving his tractor. He is ploughing the field. Then he will plant seeds too - wheat, corn, barley, canola, rye, sugar beets.
 - g. The farmer must work very hard to plant his seeds before it rains. The rain helps the seeds to grow.

4. This story should be printed on chart paper and displayed at the front of the room.
5. Students then complete the worksheet.
“SPRINGTIME ON THE FARM”

Part 3

- Conclusion
6. Students may illustrate one of the activities that occur on the farm in the spring. Each illustration should have a title.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What special things happen on the farm in spring?
2. Name work that the farmer does only in the spring?
3. Do you think spring is a busy time of the year for the farmer? Why?

EVALUATION

1. Completed worksheet and illustration.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Using the book “Vegetables in Patches and Pots”, by Lorelie Miller Mintz as a resource, have students plant a miniature vegetable garden of their very own in a small container brought from home.

STUDENT RESOURCE

Springtime on the Farm



Springtime is a busy time on the farm. Use the words below to tell about activities on the farm.

grow, sprout, run, feels, play, swim
ploughing, born, blooming, planting

1. The farmer is _____ his field.
2. Baby animals are _____ .
3. Rain helps the plants to _____ .
4. Apple trees are _____ .
5. The sun _____ warm.
6. The farmer is _____ seeds.
7. Horses _____ in the pasture.
8. Seeds _____ .
9. Kittens _____ in the barn.
10. Ducklings _____ in the pond.

STUDENT RESOURCE

Springtime on the Farm - answer sheet



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STUDENT RESOURCE

Springtime on the Farm



CROSSWORD

Use these clues to solve the word puzzle.

1. A baby cow.
2. Vegetables grow here.
3. Helps seeds grow.
4. A baby duck.
5. A red vegetable.
6. Is used to make flour for bread.
7. Lays eggs for us to eat.
8. Catches mice in the barn.
9. Gives us milk.
10. A farmer plants these.
11. A farmer uses this to plough his field.
12. A yellow weed.

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WORD LIST

seeds

cat

wheat

tractor

cow

garden

calf

beet

dandelion

rain

chicken

duckling

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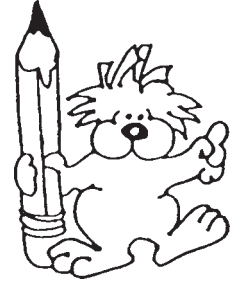
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STUDENT RESOURCE

Spring on the Farm

WORD SEARCH



Find the words that describe spring on the farm in the word search.

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apple

farmer

mudpies

rye

bean

field

plow

seeds

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