

Foods of the Month: Lesson Plan Guide

February

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

	Foods of the Month (FoM)	FoM Coloring &	Fun, Experiential	USDA MyPlate and	Fun Being Active!
WEEK	Oils and Good Fats Avocado, olive oil Water The calorie-free nutrient!	Activity Sheets (NOTE: Sheets listed below can be done in any	Activities! (NOTE: Activities listed below can be done in any	Other Fun, Healthy Activities! (NOTE: Activities listed below	Check off each day when you lead organized physical activity!
		order.)	order.)	can be done in any order.)	
1	☐ Send home FoM newsletter – Oils and Good Fats, & Water! ☐ Hang up posters, read them to children	☐ American Heart Month Description (K-5) – adults read this! ☐ Fats Crossword (3-5) ☐ Sugar Shocker Game (3-5)	☐ About the Heart (3-5) ☐ What Are You Drinking (K-5) ☐ Avocado Nutrition Label (3-5) ☐ Avocado Introduction (K-5)	☐ Introductory Page-Serving up MyPlate (read & show to 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 good fats, maybe try different olive oils with pita bread!	☐ Avocado Word Search (3-5) ☐ Using Clues & Water Diary (3-5)	Avocado Quiz (3-5) Types of Fats (3-5) Veg Oil Lava Lamp (1-5) Amount of Sugar in Fav Drinks! (K-5)	☐ Fruit Imposters (3-5) ☐ Heart Internet Scavenger Hunt (3-5) ☐ Old MacDonald Healthy Song (K-4)	□ Monday – Play Hard Charades (2-5) □ Tuesday □ Wednesday - Be Physically Active Your Way (Food Relay) □ Thursday □ Friday -Sugar Smarts Bowling (K-5)
3	☐ Read the FoM posters to the children again, ask children if they talked with their parents about oils and good fats, and water, and if they consumed them last week	☐ Avocado Letter to Parents (3-5) ☐ Why We Need Water (3-5)	☐ Avocado Facts & Lists (3-5) ☐ Popcorn Nutrition Labels (3-5)	☐ Two Bite Club Certificate if oils/good fats and/or water are tasted this month!! ☐ MyPlate Have Fun with Fruits and Veggies-WordSearch (3-5)	
4	☐ Conduct a food tasting with different types of water flavored with whole-fruits (cut into pieces). Point out that water flavored with real fruit tastes great and has no added sugar!	☐ Water Word Find (3-5)☐ Heart Word Search (3-5)	☐ Avocado Roll-ups (K-5)☐ Ocean in a Bottle (K-5)	☐ Heart Healthy-Food & PA (3-5) ☐ Kitchen Measurements (3- 5) (bring in some kitchen measuring tools for show- and-tell!)	

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.

