Lesson Plans : Language Arts

Letter Writing
Grade Level : 3-4
Activity Type : Language Arts Activity Size : Large
Objective:

Students will write letter to request information.

Description :

Rationale:
Are your students interested in finding out more about their favorite fruits and vegetables? You now have at your fingertips the addresses and phone numbers of organizations willing to help out!

Materials:

* List of organizations
* List of health agencies
* List of publishers

Introduction:

* Have students brainstorm questions about fruits and vegetables.
* Review with students the correct format for a letter, and draft a class letter to a produce trade association.

Individual:

* Have students write to the organizations that can answer their questions about the particular fruits and vegetables. Many organizations offer free materials, posters and lesson plans for teachers!

Related Activities:

* Several of these organizations encourage students to write for information on buying and storing produce as well as recipes. Have the students bring in the prepared foods to share with the class! Put the recipes together to create a class cookbook.
* Have the students share orally the information they received from the various organizations.
* Invite representatives from marketing boards to come in and talk with classes.
* Set up displays in the cafeteria of the material that is received from the various marketing boards.
* Ask local markets to donate samples for a Fruits and Vegetables tasting party.
* Invite kids to participate in an original fruit and vegetable recipe contest. Try them out and display in the cafeteria.

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WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

National Watermelon Promotion Board
P.O. Box 140065
Orlando, FL 32814-0065
(407) 895-5100

North American Blueberry Council
P.O. Box 1036
Folsom, CA 95763
(916) 933-9399

North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission
1327 North Bright Leaf Blvd., Suite H
Smithfield, NC 989-7323

Pear Bureau Northwest
4382 SE International Way, Ste A
Milwaukie, OR 97222
(503) 652-9720

Produce for Better Health Foundation
5301 Limestone Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19808-1249
(302) 235-ADAY

Raisin Administrative Committee
3445 N. 1st. Street, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93726
(559) 248-0287

Washington Apple Commission
P.O. Box 9024
Wenatchee, WA 98807
(509) 663-9600

Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine
5715 Coburn Hall
Orono, ME 04469-5715
(207) 581-1475

Students' Reactions :

Fresno, CA 93729-7320
(559) 447-8350

CA Tomato Board
1625 E. Shaw Avenue, Suite 122
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 230-0116

Citrus Research Board
323 W. Oak
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 738-0246

Florida Department of Citrus
P.O. Box 148
Lakeland, FL 33802-0148
(914) 499-2500

International Banana Association
1929 39th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 223-1183

Leafy Greens Council
33 Pleasant Lane
St. Paul, MN 55127
(651) 484-3321

Michigan Cherry Committee
12800 Escanaba Drive, Suite A
Dewitt, MI 48820
(517) 669-4264

Mushroom Council
11875 Dublin Blvd., Suite D262
Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 556-5970

National Cancer Institute
5 A Day—for Better Health! Campaign
6130 Executive Blvd., EPN232
Bethesda, MD 20892-7332
(310) 496-8520

American School Health Association
P.O. Box 708
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 678-1601
CA Artichoke Advisory Board
P.O. Box 747
10719 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012
(831) 633-4411
CA Avocado Commission
1251 Dyer Road, Suite 200
Santa Ana, Ca 92705
CA Certified Organic Farms
1115 Mission Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 423-2263

CA Date Commission
P.O. Box 1736
Indio, CA 92202-4510
(760) 347-4510

CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
P.O. Box 15949
Sacramento, CA 95852
(916) 561-5625
CA Kiwifruit Commission
9845 Horn Road, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95827
(916) 362-7490
CA Pear Advisory Board
1521 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 441-0432
CA Prune Board
P.O. Box 10157
Pleasanton, CA 94588-0157
(925) 734-0150

CA Strawberry Advisory Board
P.O. Box 269
Watsonville, CA 95077-0269
(831) 724-1301

CA Table Grape Commission
P.O. Box 27320