

SWEET ADVENTURE

KIDS' DAY OUT
SINGLE DAY LESSON PLAN FOR GRADES K-5

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Get ready to explore the seasonal candy, candy canes! Sweet Adventure is an interactive school-age lesson plan that encourages children to construct knowledge through thoughtfully planned activities and active exploration of their environment. Children will learn about candy canes and what makes them so popular. While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of “Creative Thinking”. Specifically, children will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas: Visual Art and Scientific Thinking.

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SINGLE DAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION	DURATION/SCHEDULE
Arrival Activity (Early drop off): Puzzles/Games	As Needed
Ready Set Learn: Candy Canes	45 Minutes
Themed Activity: Candy Cane Fishing	30 Minutes
Snack	15 Minutes
Themed Activity: Candy Cane Prediction	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Candy Cane Relay	30 Minutes
Lunch	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Candy Cane Mice	45 Minutes
Social-Emotional Learning: Giving Is Great	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: If You Give a Reindeer a Candy Cane	45 Minutes
Wrap Up	15 Minutes
Pick Up Activity (Late Pick Up): Puzzles/Games	As Needed

MATERIALS LIST

- Variety of games and puzzles
- Red felt
- Gray felt
- Black felt for whiskers
- Googly eyes or black dots/ beads
- Craft glue
- Candy canes (real or decorative)
- Markers/crayons
- Pencils

- String
- Thin wire
- Cups
- Pitchers
- Salt
- Vinegar
- Math flashcards and numbers
- Thin wire, chenille stems, or paper clips

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EARLY DROP-OFF



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

- Puzzles and games related to candy canes



DURATION/SCHEDULE

3 hours – 6 to 9 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Variety of games and puzzles



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Use play to practice new skills and knowledge
- Cooperate with peers during activities
- Coordinate eye and hand movements



STANDARDS

- AL.1 2.A
- AL.1 2.C
- 10.5 2.B



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

READY SET LEARN: CANDY CANES

Share fun facts about candy canes. Find out who likes candy canes and who does not. Ask the children what flavors of candy canes they have tried, and some flavors they wish to try. Follow the website in the Additional Resources for a list of candy cane flavors.

- The original candy cane had a shape different than the modern-day design. The original candy cane was straight, all white, and hard.
- National candy cane day is celebrated on December 26 in the United States.
- The first candy cane was made over 350 years ago.
- The red and white striped candy canes were first made around the year 1900.
- The traditional candy cane flavor is peppermint; however, candy canes are also made in a variety of other flavors with colored stripes.
- Over 1.76 billion candy canes are made each year.
- The biggest candy cane ever made was 36 feet wide, 7 inches high, and 51 feet long.
- Candy canes are sometimes used as a topping for foods such as in ice cream or as an additive to drinks such as in hot chocolate. They are hung as decorations on Christmas trees.
- Nearly 2 billion candy canes will be sold in the four weeks before Christmas and Hanukkah.