

LLAMA LESSONS

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5 DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL LESSON PLANS

GRADES K-5

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Children will spend time comparing and contrasting llamas and alpacas in this interactive week of activities! Key learning concepts will be fun and exciting as discoveries are made and games are played! While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, children will engage in specific activities that meet the PA Standard Areas of Science, Social Studies, Health, Wellness, and Physical Development, and Visual Arts.

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

LLAMA LLAMA WRAPPED IN YARNA

30 MINUTES

DAY 2: STEM TUESDAY

LLAMA RACERS

30 MINUTES

DAY 3: AROUND THE WORLD WEDNESDAY

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30 MINUTES

DAY 4: ARTSY THURSDAY

PERUVIAN TEXTILE PAINTINGS

30 MINUTES

DAY 5: FIT FRIDAY

ESTATUAS! (DANCING STATUES GAME)

30 MINUTES

MATERIALS LIST

- Brown cardboard
- Scissors
- White and black pens
- Yarn or embroidery floss
- Masking tape
- White construction paper
- Watercolor paints
- Crayons
- Paintbrushes
- Cups of water
- Paper towels
- Plastic drinking straws
- Paper clips
- Small sticks, twigs, leaves, twine, and any other natural materials of your choosing
- Small table or desks
- Paper plates
- Marshmallows
- Chocolate bars
- Graham crackers

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DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

LLAMA LLAMA WRAPPED IN YARNA



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

Description of Activity:

- **STEP 1:** Begin with a discussion and presentation of the following llama and alpaca facts.
 - Alpacas and llamas look a good bit alike and sometimes people confuse them for one another. They're actually cousin species with each other AND with camels!
 - Llamas are a lot bigger than alpacas. Llamas weigh between 300 and 400 pounds, while alpacas weigh only about 150 pounds.
 - Llamas have banana shaped ears and long snouts, while alpacas have short ears that point up and short, forward-facing noses.
 - Llamas are friendlier than alpacas. Alpacas are shy and skittish, meaning they get scared easily.
 - Llamas are sometimes kept as guard animals for flocks of sheep or chickens and can live away from other llamas. Alpacas, on the other hand, are herd creatures and get so upset if they are not with other alpacas, they panic, get sick, and sometimes do not survive.
 - Llamas have been used as pack animals, which means they can carry packs of supplies on their backs. Alpacas, however, are too small and weak to do this.
 - Alpacas are often praised for their soft fleece while llama's fur is much less desirable.
 - Both llamas and alpacas are from Peru, which is in South America. The Incas, a tribe of people who are indigenous to Peru, loved these animals and often used them in religious ceremonies. There's even a special "Alpaca Day" in Peru! Still today, they often dress them in special clothes or garments to show how special they are.
- **STEP 2:** Tell students their job today will be to cut out a llama and to wrap its belly with colorful string to adorn it and show how special it is. Show students an example.
- **STEP 3:** Students will first trace the llama template onto cardstock and use scissors to cut it out.
- **STEP 4:** Use pens to draw wavy fur and add an eye and mouth.
- **STEP 5:** Use embroidery floss or yarn to adorn the llama's back/belly and neck. Secure string/yarn with a small piece of masking tape.



DURATION/SCHEDULE

30 minutes



MATERIALS

- Brown or white cardstock
- Scissors
- Black or brown pens
- Yarn or embroidery floss
- Masking tape
- Activity page: Llama Template (provided in the Additional Resources)



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS