“An Apple Pie Bakin’ Experience”

NORTH PARK 4 HEAD START CENTER

After reading the book *Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco the children of the North Park 4 Classroom thought it would be great to make a pie or cake. They wanted to collect the items that would be needed for the ingredients. The class laid out their plan to make an apple pie using a webbing chart. Through this learning process the children suggested apples, eggs and flour, and they even suggested carrots, bread and ketchup, however that is part of the learning process too – what it really takes to make an apple pie!

The children spent all week writing recipes, drawing pictures, counting apples, learning about apple seeds, where and how apples grow, and then how we can cook them. The last day of the week, the class unveiled the apples in the bowls; they were given butter knives and other utensils, pie pans and a rebus recipe to follow directions. Each child took turns measuring the ingredients for the dough and each had their own rolling pin. They rolled and rolled the dough, then placed the dough into their own little pie pans. After they cut up their apples (which the teacher precooked so they wouldn’t be so hard to peel), and mixed in the ingredients, the children couldn’t wait to bake their own individual pies. Each pie was baked to perfection and the children enjoyed their own special pie with lunch.

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