**Activity Ideas**

**Walk each day!** Put on comfortable shoes and clothing, and GO! Begin with short distances, maybe 5-10 minutes, and gradually walk more. Keep your head up, tuck that tummy in, and relax those shoulders. If you get out of breath, slow down or stop.

Source: Fit Facts™ from the American Council on Exercise® (ACE®)

**Apple Hide and Seek.** Take turns hiding an apple and have the children find it. Tell them if they are “hot” (close) or “cold” (further away).

**Apple Relay.** Tie a different activity tag onto the stems of apples, such as skip, crawl, run, or walk backwards. Have enough for each person to have one. Put the apples in a basket and race to the basket, pick one, and do the activity! Eat the apple at the finish line.

Source: [http://www.kidsactivities.net/category/Theme-Apples.aspx](http://www.kidsactivities.net/category/Theme-Apples.aspx)

**Comments On How to Dry Apples**

**How to dry apples**

Wash apples and remove bruises or soft spots. Cut the apple and take out the core. Slice apples thinly. Leave the skin on for fiber.

Preheat oven to 150 degrees F (or the lowest setting if your oven doesn’t go that low).

Place apples in one layer on a cookie sheet. It takes 10 to 20 hours to dry, depending on the water content of the apples and thickness of the slices. Turn them over periodically. Dry them at least to the consistency of a raisin. You can dry them more to keep longer.

Remove from oven, cool. Place in air tight bags, removing any air pockets. Keep in a cool, dark place for 6 to 9 months. For longer storage keep them in the freezer.

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Wyoming Department of Education Nutrition Programs 307-777-6263
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Apples are rich in pectin, a soluble fiber that has been shown to reduce cholesterol. Pectin appears to target "bad" cholesterol (LDL) according to recent tests. It is also said to reduce blood pressure. And it keeps your brain in shape!

Apples are full of vitamins and minerals. There is no significant variation in nutrients among the different types of apples. Most health benefits are found when eating the skin along with the flesh, so don't toss the peel!

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables! Enjoy your food, but eat less. Avoid oversized portions.