



AMC Montessori Fall/Winter 2009 Hands-On Creative Lesson Planning Newsletter

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The AMC resource participants have generously shared hands-on activities that you will want to use in coming months. You'll be impressed with the ingenuity and creativity expressed in the recipes and crafts they have chosen to share with you. Use their ideas to foster interest in science, social studies, art, mathematics, and other academic hands-on learning activities. Integrate the recipes and crafts into your multicultural lesson planning as well.

Hopefully, you will let the participants know how much you have enjoyed their recipe(s) and craft(s). Visit the websites listed throughout the newsletter. You'll find additional helpful lesson information at these sites.

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http://www.amonco.org/montessori_winter_handson.html

Use special precautions when involving children in any craft or recipe where there is a potential for harm. Some children have special food allergies and/or other medical conditions like diabetes. Small children need supervision. Scissors, hot glue, hot stoves and ovens, and other elements in making some of these recipes and crafts need to be considered. Please consider carefully the age and maturity level of the child before allowing him or her to participate.

Be sure to visit each resource participant's site to see the marvelous selection of educational offerings you can use in your school and home classrooms. You'll also find creative, unique educational gift items that are sure to be enjoyed by the special young people in your life.

The following creative ideas are from the AMC Montessori Resource Center <http://www.amonco.org/directory.html> participants. Visit their websites for additional innovative ways to reach your students throughout the school year.

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Recipe Submitted by Larry

Farmer's Favorite Fudge

- 4 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 (14 1/2 oz.) can of evaporated milk
- 3 (6 oz.) packages of chocolate chips
- 1 cup of butter (2 sticks)
- 3 tablespoons of vanilla

Combine sugar and evaporated milk in a 3 quart saucepan. Stir and cook over medium heat until it reaches a rolling boil. Reduce heat if needed, but keep mixture boiling steadily for 6 minutes. Keep stirring to prevent scorching. Combine chocolate chips, butter and vanilla in a large bowl of an electric mixer. Pour hot mixture into mixer bowl and beat at high speed until all the butter is mixed in. To tell when candy is ready to pour, lift beaters and let a little candy drop off them. If the drops don't sink into the candy; it is ready to pour. Pour into a lightly buttered 9" pan while still warm (this makes 64 pieces, if you like thinner pieces, use a 13" x 9" x 2" buttered pan.) Makes approximately 4 lbs. Delicious!

*If butter forms on top as the candy cools, beat it more.



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Recipe Submitted by Angela

Hearty Fall Kale Soup

1 Shank bone (large)

1 lb. Frozen kale or fresh kale chopped

3 medium onions diced

4 medium potatoes cubed

1 can red beans or shell beans

1 Strip of linquica cut in coins

1/2 Cabbage shredded coarsely

6 Bouillon beef cubes

1 Bay leaf

Place shank bone and beef cubes in approx. 6 cups of water. Add bay leaf. Simmer approx. 3 hours. Remove shank and set aside. Remove bay leaf. Brown stew meat in oil and add to juice. Add linquica. Boil for 1/2 hour. Add onions and potatoes. When potatoes are almost done, add kale, cabbage, beans, and shank meat from bone. Simmer approx. 20 min. longer and serve with bread or rolls.



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Science Lessons Submitted by John

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