

# AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR  
SCHOOL-AGED KIDS  
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FALL BACK TO SCHOOL



## Fall STEM Activity Erupting Apple Volcanoes!

### You will need:

Apples, Baking Soda, Vinegar, Container (to catch fizz),  
Knife (to carve out hole, for an adult to do!)

### How to set up an Apple Volcano:

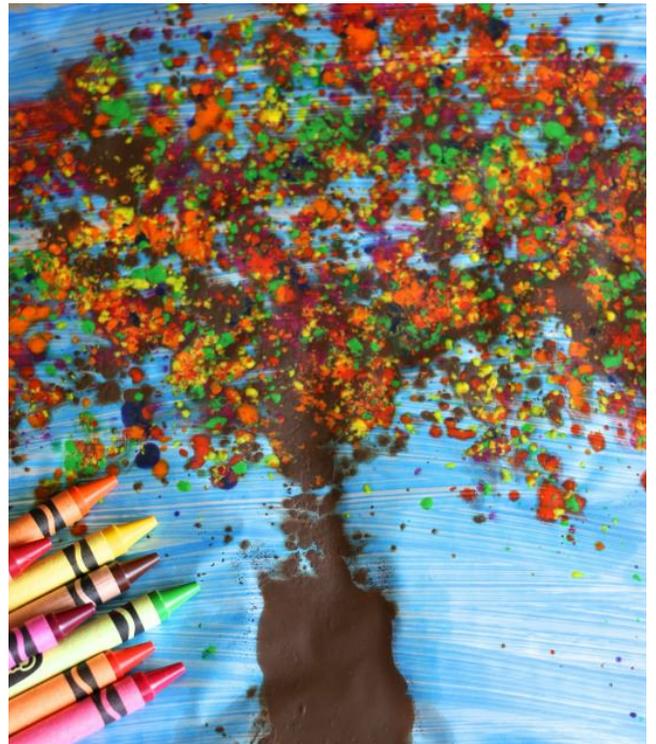
- Put your apple on a dish, tray, or pie plate to catch runoff. An adult should use a knife to cut a hole in the apple about halfway.
- Put a couple spoonfuls of baking soda into the hole. Add a drop of dish soap for a foamier eruption!
- Add a few drops of food coloring. Mix it up and pair different colors with different apples.
- Pour in the vinegar! Use a cup for a more dramatic eruption or a turkey baster or eye dropper for a smaller eruption.



## Fall Art With Melted Crayons

### Directions:

- Cover cardboard with foil and secure with tape, this will be your canvas. Then use blue paints to paint your sky on the entire canvas.
- Grate crayons onto plate. When paint is dry you can begin putting the shavings onto the canvas to create your tree. Start with the trunk and branches, then add leaves.
- Set your canvas on a baking sheet, and place it into a 200°F oven. Don't worry, your cardboard is not at any risk of catching fire at this temperature.
- Leave your painting in the oven for up to 2 minutes. Keep it level so the wax doesn't run. The crayon wax will set quickly at room temperature, but try not to touch or jiggle the painting until it dries.



### Supplies:

- old crayons without wrapper (choose fall colors)
- cheese grater
- foil
- cardboard
- blue paints
- paintbrush
- cookie sheet
- tape



## Kids Cook: Fruit Smoothie Recipe

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup frozen fruit of your choice
- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup fruit juice or milk of your choice

Blend and Enjoy! Get creative and add shaved coconut, nuts or fresh fruit on the top.

## Game: Leaf Pile Race



**You Will Need:** lots of leaves, hula hoops, rakes (optional) and a timer

### To play:

- divide into two teams
- if there aren't enough rakes for everyone, players can wear gloves and use their hands
- decide on a time limit and set a timer
- teams have until time is up to gather and pile their leaves inside their hula hoop
- the team with the biggest pile of leaves wins

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