



Grade 3 Sample Lesson Plan: Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Health Promotion

Objectives/Goals

- Students will be able to describe the benefits of healthy food and beverage choices, how nutrition and physical activity impacts personal health, and demonstrate personal efficacy in improving their health.

Steps

- Read and discuss the articles and information at KidsHealth.org *Why Water is the Way to Go* (<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/water.html>)

- Have students complete a worksheet that calculates how much water they should drink on a daily basis and keep a log of their water consumption for a week.
- Have students evaluate the nutritional content of their lunch using the food guide pyramid.
- Have students list and explain the benefits of several vitamins and minerals.
- Have students plan a meal that is high in calcium and iron.
- Have students compare the nutritional content of two food items by using the food labels.
- Have students design a meal that uses all the food groups from the food pyramid.
- Have students make a bulletin board of the food guide and have students fill in each category with pictures of foods.
- Have students develop a one-week physical fitness plan for their family that provides 60 minutes of activity a day.
- Have students identify two exercises that develop aerobic capacity, muscle strength, muscle endurance, and flexibility
- Have students explain different country's ethnic foods, cultural traditions, celebrations, and recreational activities.
- Have students identify dietary customs and practices, recreational activities, celebrations, and traditions in their community.
- After students read scenarios about people who are eating unhealthy foods and or engaging in sedentary lifestyles, ask them to role-play how this makes them feel and one way they could modify their behaviors and feel better.
- Have students set a weekly improvement goal to include making one or two changes that will improve their nutrition and physical activity. Have them define the daily activities that will help them reach the weekly goal on a one-week calendar.

Assessment Idea

- Evaluate student participation in activities and discussion.

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