Health Smart Virginia - Sample Lesson Plan

Grade 1st

Unit: Food Groups/My Plate

SOLs:
- 1.5 A- Name the **food groups** as identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- 1.5 B- Name **one food** from each (USDA) food group.

Title: Fiber Tag

Objectives/ Goals:
- [Students are learning about the grain food group]
- Students will learn that “grains” are 1 of the 5 food groups
- Students will be able to provide examples of foods in the grain group

Materials:
- [Equipment and Set Up]
  - Small object like noodlets that students can easily carry and transfer to others- 3 per student

Procedure:

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**Intro**- Discussion should cover:
- Grains are made from rice, barley, wheat, oats and cereal
- Provide examples: bread, rice, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, etc.
- Whole grains contain all of the nutrients from the grain, refined grains have some of the nutrients stripped out. Whole grains are healthier.
- MyPlate recommends 5 servings of whole grains per day.

**Description**-

Every student starts with 3 noodlets (or substitute object). Each object represents a serving of whole grain. Everybody is it. When tagged, the taggee gives one of their “grains” to the tagger. The object is to collect 5 in order to meet the Myplate recommendation. Once a student gets 5, he/she cannot tag anybody else. But, students with 5 servings can still be tagged by others.

**Closure**

- Provide an example of a food in the grain group.

**Assessments, References & Sources:**

**Resources:**
- [https://www.choosemyplate.gov/grains](https://www.choosemyplate.gov/grains)
- [https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/why-is-fiber-good-for-you](https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/why-is-fiber-good-for-you)

**Assessments:**

As students are leaving class, they need to high 5 the teacher while naming a food in the grain group.