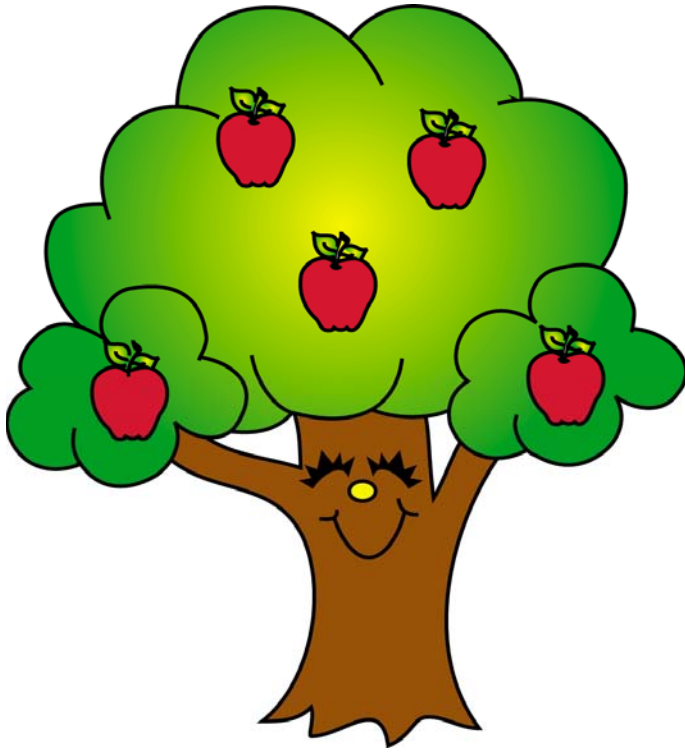




Social Studies

Wanted: Apple Pickers



Apples are picked in many different ways. Discuss with your children how apples are picked. Apples that you find at the grocery store are picked by hand and placed in canvas bags. These bags open at the bottom so that they can be put in larger

containers without bruising them. Machines pick apples used in applesauce and apple juice. The machine shakes the trees and the apples fall to the ground.

Create an orchard inside your classroom. Tell the children that they are your Apple Pickers and they need to harvest the apples from the trees. Ask them to “invent” a new machine or a new way to pick apples. Have them draw their new “inventions” and write the directions on how to operate their machine. Display the inventions around the room.