## Fun days

> A lesson idea that integrates concepts of calendar, the different seasons and the associated seasonal fruits and vegetables

## Lesson Objectives

- Students should be able to read calendar
- Students will be able to understand the order of days of a week, how many weeks make a month and how many months are there in a year.
- Students will be able to understand the different seasons and periods of a year
- Students will be able to apply the knowledge of calendar in real life situation
- Students will solve solar problems related to calendar reading


## Focus of Lesson:

- Ordinarily of days of a week and month of a year
- Calendar reading
- No of days in each month
- Festivals celebrated (in the child's context)
- Different Seasons (in child's context)

What the child already knows in this topic Children are aware about the days of a week and month in a year

## What's new to learn in this topic?

Children can read calendar - days, week, month, no of days in a month, ordinality of days and month, reading cum marking the festivals,
holidays, season in a simple way.

## Process of Lesson

## My Funday Game

Teacher asks students to stand in a circle. Teacher passes a whistle or birthday cap in the circle. Children have to keep passing it until the teacher says stop. At this point, the child having the whistle / birthday cap with him/her should blow it and should speak about their funday of that week.

## Listen to the music

Teacher plays the songs "Day of a week" (link check TV-days of a week). Children listen to the song and sing along.

## Caller Responder

Teachers prepare 3 sets of caller responder cards.
Sample card

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First day of the week
Second day of the week
Third day of the week
Fourth day of the week
Fifth day of the week
Sixth day of the week
Seventh day of the week

I come after Friday

| I come before Monday |
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| I come after Tuesday |

I come 2 days after Thursday
I come 2 days before Thursday
I come before Wednesday


## How to Play it

Teacher will be having the caller cards. Responder cards will be given to students. Teacher calls out the question e.g. the seventh day of the week. Student having Saturday with them alone should stand and the rest of the students should be seated.


The teacher can try with another card. E.g. I come after Sunday. Student having Monday alone should stand and the rest of the student have to sit down. Like this the game continues.

How to play it (Students playing in groups)

This activity can also be played individually. Teacher can divide the class into groups. Teacher gives the caller cards to on group and the responder cards to another group. Students from the caller side should call out their question and the student the opposite group will respond.

## Activity 4

## Worksheet no. 1

Teacher gives the below worksheet asking students to write the days of the week and identify the days in the tabular column.


Activity5: Recalling activity month of a year Worksheet 2


Teacher gives these worksheets to the students and let them color it. This activity help the children to recall and reinforce the concept of ordinality. It also helps them to recall the months of the year. After coloring they have to cut and prepare the cards and arrange them in order

| January | February | March |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April | May | June |
| July | August | September |
| October | November | December |

Like this the teacher makes the student to prepare their own colorful month cards

## Activity 7 <br> Worksheet

## Activity 6

| Summer |  | Rainy |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Autumn |  | Winter |  |

Grape activity: Teacher gives this chart to each group; they discuss and paste the months in the respective boxes. (Note we need not expect the children to do it correctly) After the student activity teacher may probe to bring out the correct answer

|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mango |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tomato |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watermelon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jack fruit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Teacher gives this worksheet and asks the student to tick the month in which they will get those vegetables and fruits.

## Activity 8 <br> Worksheet 4

Teacher gives their worksheet to the children student can both cut and paste the strider against the month. After completing teacher can display the list of festival chart and makes children to check out their answers.

| My Day of Celebrations |  |
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| Ianuary Happy Pongal <br> February  <br> March  <br> April  <br> May  <br> June  <br> July  <br> August  |  |

Festivals in Year of 2017

| Festival | Date |
| :--- | :--- |
| New Year |  |
| Boghi |  |
| Pongal |  |
| Thiruvalluvar Day |  |
| Mattu Pongal |  |
| Tamil New Year |  |
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Chart - Festivals in Year of 2017 (Children's context for display)


Student cut and paste these picture in the respective column

Activity 9
Group activity- Calendar reading


Each group has to make calendar for any five months of their choice. Teacher should make sure that all the months are covered so that we can make 5 sets of calendars. Instruction should be given about

- Writing the numbers
- Colouring the boxes - Holidays to be marked in red and School days to be marked in blue

Cut the picture of right festival and paste it on the day of happening

Cut and paste on the month
To be filled in the side column
By doing this activity the students will get complete understanding of the calendar

- Order of the days and months
- No. of days in each month
- Longer month / shorter month
- Seasons
- Festivals

After completing, teacher may help the children
to arrange them into five calendars and hand them over to the headmistress to hang it in all the classrooms.

Activity 10 Worksheet 5


This is for evaluation. Children circle the pictures for that month also complete the birthday column. It may be their birthday or their friend's. They have to paste their photo and write their name, date and day when the birthday falls. For this activity, they may take the help of their parents.

## Activity 11

Change me daily
Ask students to make a calendar. A sample of this has been given below. This should be made in a manner that students can change it on a daily basis. They can complete it and display it in their classroom.


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