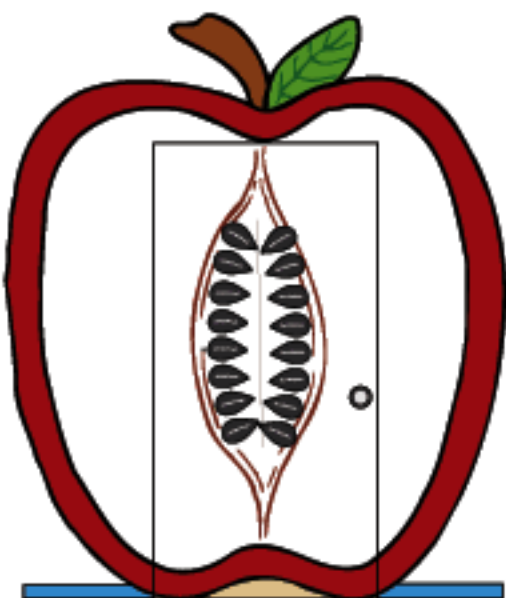




## Apple Decor

When students set their eyes on this “a-peeling” door decoration, you’ll hear a chorus of oohs and aahs! Cover the door and an area of wall space around it with white paper. Mount a red apple-shaped border around the door, trim away unwanted white paper, and attach a paper leaf and stem. Personalize a seed cutout for each child. Mount the cutouts on the door and then use chalk or crayons to add apple core details. Wow! What an awesome apple!

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## Dive Into School

This inviting door decor will welcome your new students and immediately make them feel like a part of your school. Cover your classroom door with blue paper; then attach a welcoming cutout. Prepare fish-shaped nametags and attach them to the door so that they can be removed and worn. Splish, splash!

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## Our New “Kinder-garden”!



Plant this home-school connection in the soil of a brand-new year! Give each child a tagboard flower to take home. Instruct her to glue a photo of herself to the center of the flower and ask her family to work with her to decorate the rest of the flower. Have each child bring her flower back to school. Then glue a stem and leaves to each flower and mount it on a board behind a construction paper picket fence. Look who's in bloom!

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## Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Look Who's Here In Our Room!



Let's all gather at the coconut tree! To make this literature-related display, cut out tree leaves and a tree trunk from bulletin board paper. Fringe-cut the leaves; then mount the whole tree on a wall. To make a coconut, give a child a brown construction paper circle along with a slightly smaller white one. Instruct the child to write her name in the center of the white circle and then glue that white circle on the brown one. Next, have the child spread a coat of glue on the white circle, but not over her name. Then have her sprinkle flaked coconut over the glue. When the glue dries, have her shake off the excess coconut. Have her spread glue over the brown part of the coconut and then sprinkle crumbled shredded wheat cereal on it. Arrange all these finished projects around the titled coconut tree. See you there!

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