

CHICKEN SOUP WITH RICE

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by Maurice Sendak (Harper)

Themes: Months of the Year/Humor/Music

Level: Pre-kindergarten - Grade 1

Length: 5 minutes, animated

Summary

CHICKEN SOUP WITH RICE is an engaging story about the many ways in which a little boy and his friends enjoy and use chicken soup during each month of the year. Seasonal activities and weather conditions are highlighted as this charming tale is told. Children will truly enjoy this lively story set to music and will find it hard not to join in with each "chicken soup with rice" refrain!

Objectives

- Children's knowledge of the months of the year will be reinforced
- Children will learn about characteristics of the calendar months
- Children will enjoy a charming story set to music

Before Viewing Activities

Share the book *Chicken Soup With Rice* with children. Then ask: Which is your favorite month of the year? Why? What do you enjoy doing in the winter? summer? spring? fall?

During what part of the year would you enjoy chicken soup most? Why? Talk with children about the characteristics of the months of the year. Ask: What part of the year do you like best? Why? Which month is your birthday month? How do you celebrate your birthday? What other times of the year are very special to you? Why?

Try this story starter: "One day my bowl of soup turned into a" Talk with children about their favorite soups. Ask? When do you like to eat soup? Why?

See how many different warm and cold weather outdoor activities children can name. Then ask: What do you enjoy doing outdoors during cold weather? warm weather? How do you warm up after playing outdoors in cold weather? What do you do to cool off after playing outdoors in warm weather?

After Viewing Activities

Make a classroom calendar with children. Encourage children to create symbols representative of each month that they can draw near the top of each calendar month. Work with children to mark special days on each calendar month, including children's birthdays and special school/classroom events as well as national holidays and vacation days.

Cook up some chicken soup with rice in the classroom! Chop up chicken into small pieces. Cut up onions, celery, and carrots. Have children help you add 1 quart water, 4 bouillon cubes, 1 and 1/2 cups quick-cooking rice, and 1 teaspoon of salt to the chicken pieces. Cook about 30 minutes. You might want to have children enjoy their chicken soup while watching CHICKEN SOUP WITH RICE, one more time!

Cook up a little drama of *Chicken Soup With Rice* - choose one child for each month of the year. Have each child choose appropriate behavior and activities for his/her month.

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