

Potato Fun

- Objective:** To gain knowledge about potatoes
- Learner Objective:** To name parts of a potato and identify different kinds of potatoes
- Supplies:**
- 3 potatoes for show – White, Red, and Sweet
 - 1 large white potato for each participant
 - Pairing knives
 - 1 small paper plate per every 3 participants
 - Tempera paint
 - 1 sponge for each plate
 - 1 pencil for each participant
 - Paper towels
 - Newspapers to cover tables
 - Paper for stamping
 - Optional: art brushes and stencils
- Procedure:**
- Show each kind of potato and talk about the different ways of preparing each kind
 - Russet (white) – baking
 - Long white – baking and frying
 - Round white – boiling and frying
 - Round red – boiling and frying
 - Sweet – baking

 - Identify the parts of the potato
 - Eye – bud, sprouts to make a plant
 - Eyebrow – ridge above eye – protects bud
 - Skin – protects the flesh of the potato

Potatoes grow underground and are about 80% water. It is the most popular vegetable and is available year – round.

Making a potato stamp

Give each student a potato

Cut each potato in half crosswise

Trace a design from stencil or freehand in the flesh of the potato

Cut around the design about $\frac{1}{4}$ " leaving the design raised

Dip potato in paint

Stamp on the paper

Be careful not to press too hard – it will mash the design

Repeat stamping – potato should be re-dipped before each stamp

Evaluate: Review questions about the potato

Show everyone's completed stamp