

MATH ACTIVITY

FARMERS' MARKET

Students will buy and sell vegetables and fruit at a play market.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Farmer dress-up/hats (optional)
- Long table or row of desks
- Construction paper
- Crayons, markers
- Scissors
- Play money in pennies, nickels, and dimes

WHAT TO DO

- 1 Divide your students into two groups: one group will be farmers, and the other will be shoppers.
- 2 Brainstorm with students a list of fruits and vegetables and assign a price to each one. Pick a price between 1 and 10 cents. Tell the farmers to pick items from the list they would like to sell and make cutouts of those fruits and vegetables with the construction paper.
- 3 Give each shopper a fixed amount of money in nickels, dimes, and pennies of play money. Tell them to use their money to buy things they would like at the farmers' market.
- 4 Encourage the farmers to advertise their produce with signs or sales pitches. Have them think about how they can make their produce look or sound more appealing.
- 5 Have the two groups gather to discuss what they bought or how much money they made. Then have the two groups switch roles and repeat the activity.