

Potato Pants

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Synopsis: Wahoo! It is the Annual One Day Only Potato Pants Sale at Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Shop! Potato has waited ALL year for this! Oh! And to get stripy pants with suspenders...(heavy sigh!) But wait!? What is that Eggplant doing here after he threw Potato in the trash yesterday? What will Potato do? How will he get his pants before they are all gone with that BIG Eggplant in the middle of the potato sale?

Suggested Reading Date: First Friday in May – No Pants Day
Yom Kippur –Oct. 8, 2019
Global Forgiveness Day – July 7th
Forgiveness Day – June 29th

Activity Descriptions:

- Look for Hinky Pinkies and write a riddle for them! Or use a thesaurus and figure out all the different ways of saying potato, different squashes, pants, clothes, and using alliteration – combine them!
- Do the Robot – excuse me – the Po-Bot!
- Have a funky pants day where everyone wears their “fancy” Pants!
- Using a potato or the potato picture available on the webpage (if you can't print in color, print on tan or buff paper). Using construction paper, wrapping paper, fabric scraps, markers, chenille steams (pipe cleaners), etc. to make fancy pants for your spud!
- Gather different types of potatoes and squashes – what makes them the same and different? Give kids two different ones and let them explore using their senses and write results on a venn diagram or t-chart.
- When have you misjudged someone's actions? Has someone misjudged you? What can you say to make things right in either of those situations?
- Pin the Pants on Potato game!

Related Websites:

- Hinky-Pinkies games - http://www.fcrr.org/studentactivities/v_035c.pdf
- Potato Pants Read Aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cAd0tZo2TQ>
- Giuseppe Arcimboldo – uses vegetable, fruit flowers to make life like portraits of people - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giuseppe_Arcimboldo
- Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers –How are You Peeling? read aloud - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqX_TIjZC4
- Laurie Keller Website - <http://www.lauriekeller.com/>

Text to Text Connections:

Sophie's Squash – Pat Zietlow Miller

Rot, The Cutest in the World! – Ben Clanton

How are You Peeling? - Saxton Freymann

David Gets in Trouble – David Shannon

I am Absolutely Boiling – Lauren Child (Charlie and Lola book)

Enemy Pie – Derek Munson

Sandwich Swap – Rania, Queen, consort of Abdullah II, King of Jordan

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