Engaging Children’s Hearts and Minds: The Project Approach

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The Project Approach

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Presentation Outline

• Introduction
• The Project Approach Planning Framework
• Phase 1 – Getting Started on a project
• Phase 2 – Developing a Project
• Phase 3 – Concluding a Project
• Closing Remarks and an Invitation
Children helping in the market
WHAT DID YOUR PARENTS DO FOR A SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT THIS YEAR?

SOMETHING WITH SEEDS, I THINK.
What is a project?

A project is an in-depth study of a real world topic that is worth knowing more about.
In-depth study
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I CAN'T WAIT TO PLANT THE BEANS OUT IN MY GARDEN...

MIND THE FROST!
Topics for projects
(early childhood and elementary)

• money
• small creatures
• trucks
• bread
• rocks
• water
• bicycles
• the farm
• the store

• food
• birds
• recycling
• weeds
• fasteners
• potatoes
• playgrounds
• paper
• shoes
• pets
Field work in the grocery store
Three Phases

A project is like a good story, it has a beginning, a middle and an end.

This format helps the teacher and children plan and tell about their work as a story too.
PHASE 2

FIELDWORK

FIELDWORK FOLLOW-UP