

**Grade Level: 3**

**Title: All About Strawberries, by Me (May - June)**

**Purpose:**

Students will conduct a short research project and create a product to show their learning.

**Subject Area(s) Addressed:**

Language Arts

**Common Core/Essential Standards:**

**ELA**

W.3.7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

**Vocabulary:**

research  
sources

**Materials Needed:**

construction paper  
plain paper  
markers  
clipart  
scissors  
glue

**Teaching Strategy:**

Have students complete a K-W-L chart showing what they know or have learned (ex. plant parts, best soil for growth) this year during the strawberry project. Ask them what else they want to know about strawberries (for example, nutritional benefits, history, ways to use them, products made from strawberries) and then have them research that information.

Students will use their knowledge and research to create a strawberry lapbook (see sample using website resource). There are example pages for formatting the lapbook. These are easily created foldables that students can make without copying. Let them be creative in how they design and display their information. Students may need to use the resources listed below.

**Extension:**

Begin K-W-L chart at the beginning of the year, and revisit it throughout the year. Be sure to ask questions all year long.

## Background Information:

Please refer to the previous lessons for background information as needed. Students should have their science journals with much of the information needed recorded for this culminating activity.

Health benefits of strawberries.

<http://whfoods.org/genpage.php?tname=foodspice&dbid=32>

[www.calstrawberry.com/health/default.asp](http://www.calstrawberry.com/health/default.asp)

<http://www.ncstrawberry.com/docs/nutrition1.htm>

Strawberry history, trivia, and folklore

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/strawberries/history.cfm>

<http://www.indepthinfo.com/strawberries/history.htm>

<http://ipm.missouri.edu/meg/2012/5/Strawberry-A-Brief-History/>

## Resources:

Lapbooks: ideas, images, page borders for strawberry lapbooks:

[www.dynamic2moms.com/springunits.htm](http://www.dynamic2moms.com/springunits.htm)

Strawberry flower lapbook design

<http://dynamic2moms.webs.com/Spring/Strawberry%20Petal.pdf>

Ways to eat (clip art; much more available online)

<http://dynamic2moms.webs.com/Spring/Strawberry%20how%20many%20ways%20to%20eat.pdf>

Life cycle design (nice pictures, but not accurate; “root” actually shows mostly the crown, and a bit of roots)

<http://dynamic2moms.webs.com/Spring/Strawberry%20Life%20Cycle.pdf>

Trivia question layout

<http://dynamic2moms.webs.com/Spring/Strawberry%20Trivia.pdf>

Jeopardy game layout

<http://dynamic2moms.webs.com/Spring/Strawberry%20Jeopardy%20Game.pdf>

NC Strawberry Association’s Kid Facts:

<http://www.ncstrawberry.com/docs/kidfacts.htm>

See the images in the NCSI “Resources” folder also

## Assessment:

Completed lapbook

**North Carolina Strawberry Association – [www.ncstrawberry.com](http://www.ncstrawberry.com)**

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