



Crack-N-Quack

Equipment needed:

Incubator

Eggs

A facts sheet with facts about incubating chickens

A calendar mark off each day.

Slips of paper and pens for guessing games

Guessing how many eggs were fertile?

The date the first egg would hatch?

How many eggs would hatch into chicks?

Names for the first and last chick

A flash light

Black construction paper to make a cone to put in the end of the flash light (used for candling the eggs)

The cost for this project was minimal as we borrowed an incubator from one of our staff that lived on a farm. The eggs were donated from a local teacher who raises chickens and has eggs, they were all different colors. Once the chickens were hatched, the teacher picked them up and took them in her kindergarten classroom for a while before taking them back to her flock.

We started with 2 dozen eggs, 2 of them were cracked and so 22 eggs were put into the incubator on April 8th.

The eggs were turned automatically in the incubator.

Water was added for humidity 2x week.

The eggs were candled April 14th and showed that we did in fact have fertile eggs.

The automatic turner was turned off April 26.

Our first egg hatched at 4:35 pm, April 28th. It was named chipper. Our last egg hatched May first and was named popcorn.

Residents were very interested and checked the incubator daily, some residents several times a day. It was fun to hear many of them reminisce about hatching and raising their own chickens. When the chicks started to hatch, the room was filled with excitement and anticipation.

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