

Delaware

Objective: The children will learn Delaware history, state symbols and interesting facts.

Materials: Large piece of paper
Markers, Crayons
Copies of worksheets found below for each student
Rice cakes
Raisins or chocolate chips
Strawberry Jelly

5-10 minutes; Delaware facts

- A fish was once caught in the Delaware Bay with a watch ticking inside of it.
- Major League baseball teams buy 182 pounds of special baseball rubbing mud each year from a farmer in Delaware.
- The state with the most automobile miles driven per capita is Delaware with an average of 10,165 annually per person.
- Delaware has three nicknames, 'The Diamond State,' 'The Blue Hen State,' and 'Small Wonder.'

25 minutes; Timeline

Put a long piece of paper at the front of the room. Label years from 1600 to 2005. Have children pick a fact from those listed below and make one large timeline as a class. Read an event aloud and choose one student to go up to the front and find where the event would fit on the timeline.

1631 Eleven years after the pilgrims landed, the first settlement was established on Delaware soil.

- 1632 Captain DeVries found that the settlers were killed and their settlement was burned.
- 1638 Next colonization attempt was made by the Swedes in what is now Wilmington.
- 1682 Counties of St. Jones and Deale were renamed Kent and Sussex respectively.
- 1704 Delaware established its general assembly.
- 1776 Independence from Great Britain was declared.
- 1777 4,000 Delaware men enlisted in service. Many fought during the only Revolutionary battle fought on Delaware soil at Cooch's Bridge.

- 1777 Capital moved from New Castle to Dover.
- 1777 State Seal was adopted on January 17th.
- 1785 Automatic flour milling machinery revolutionized the industry.
- 1787 Delaware became the first state of the new Federal Union in a convention on December 7th.
- 1792 First constitution was adopted.
- 1829 Chesapeake Delaware Canal was completed.
- 1895 Peach blossom was adopted as the State Flower on May 9th because Delaware used to be called 'The Peach State.'
- 1899 First mail route in Delaware.
- 1913 State flag was adopted on July 24th.
- 1939 On April 14th, the Blue Hen chicken became the State Bird.
- 1939 On May 1st, the American Holly became the State Tree.
- 1974 The ladybug became the State Bug on April 25th.
- 1981 The weakfish was adopted as the State Fish.
- 1983 Milk was made the official State Beverage.
- 2002 'The First State' became the official state nickname on May 23rd.

10 minutes: Delaware Word Search

See worksheet below.

10 - 15 minutes; Make Ladybug Snack

- Spread jelly on rice cakes.
- Use raisins or chocolate chips to make spots to resemble a ladybug.

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ARDEN

BEAR

BETHEL

BLACKBIRD

BLADES

CAMDEN

CANNON

DELMAR

DOVER

DUPONT MANOR

FAIRFAX

GREEN ACRES

GUMBORD

HOUSTON

LAUREL

LEWES

MAGNOLIA

MILFORD

MILTON

NEWARK

NEW CASTLE

NEWPORT

ODESSA

REDDEN

RIVERDALE

ROXANA

SILVIEW

SMYRNA

VIOLA

WILLOW RUN

WILMINGTON

WOODLAND

WYOMING

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