

STEAM LAB

SEEDS

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Guiding questions:

- What is a seed?
- How do seeds grow?
- How does seed science improve agriculture sustainability?

G Get ready!

Make a list of foods you know contain seeds!

Look at some different seeds:

<http://thehelpfulgarden.blogspot.com/2012/07/types-of-seeds-cards.html>

- Have you eaten any of these seeds?
- What do you think is inside a seed? Make a guess!
- Extension: Collect and dissect different seeds and compare!

R Resource round up

Watch the video: How Does a Seed Become a Plant?

<https://youtu.be/tkFPyue5X3Q>

Questions:

- What is germination?
- What do seeds need in order to germinate?
- Sketch a five-step sequence to show the important stages of germination. Write a sentence to explain what is happening in each step.

Watch the video: Farming 101: Corn Planting

<https://youtu.be/zOli2qhnWCA>

Complete a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the seeding process by a farmer versus a home gardener.

Watch the video: How is Canadian Certified Seed Produced?

<https://youtu.be/Id7D9eOwZk4>

- How does Canada ensure farmers have access to quality seeds?
- Why is this process important to farmers? To consumers? To the environment?

Read the article: Canadian Seed Sector Profile

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/canadian-seed-sector-profile/?id=1405967530785>

O Observe results of your own experiment!

Dissect a bean seed to look inside!

<https://www.wikihow.com/Perform-a-Bean-Seed-Dissection-Experiment>

Draw the inside of the seed and label the parts.
What do each of the parts do?

Follow the link to conduct your own germination experiments!

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/seed-jar-science-experiment-kids/>

As you watch your seeds germinate and sprout, take a few photos each day.
Compile your photos to create a time-lapse video like the one below.

<https://youtu.be/w77zPATVtuI>

Get creative with seeds! Create your own Chia Pet and watch it grow!

<http://blog.consumercrafts.com/kids-stuff/how-to-make-your-own-chia-pet-2/>

Not sure what to do with those pantyhose or knee highs once they get a hole or run in them? Recycle them into a homemade Chia Pet! This is a simple and fun project that is a perfect craft for kids! They will be so excited to grow their very own homemade Chia Pet and will have fun tracking its growth process.

W What did you learn?

Imagine you are a seed. Write a story or comic telling your experiences as a seed being scattered and planted, germinating and sprouting.

Why do farmers invest in good quality seeds?

