

Garden Riddles

Grade Levels: 1st, 2nd

Learning Goal: The student will be able to describe various fruits and vegetables according to their unique characteristics.

Materials: construction paper, scissors, markers/ crayons

Preparation: This activity pairs especially well with the book What's in the Garden? by Marianne Berkes as the book is told using a series of clues about different fruits and vegetables. These clues are excellent discussion points regarding the different characteristics of various plants.

Directions:

1. Give each student a piece of construction paper. Fold in half vertically (hotdog style).
2. With the fold seam on top, pull the left and right side over to make thirds.
3. Open and place vertically, you will see 6 squares. Cut along the horizontal lines until you reach the vertical line (center fold).
4. Fold back in half along the center fold to create three flaps.
5. On the outside of the flaps, have students create three clues for three different fruits or vegetables – one plant and clue per flap.
6. Underneath each flap have them draw a picture and write the name of the answer.
7. Students can trade with each other and try to figure out each other's clues.

