

ACTIVITY 1.3 Handmade Garden Packets and Labels

Overview: Students will make their own plant seed packages or labels while learning various plant facts including nutrition, plant usage and history and planting guidelines.

Instructions:

You can make a label by using an old seed package or you can create your own label using personal drawings, pictures or cut out of the plant.

Information to Include on Label:

1. Name of Plant
2. Botanical Name
3. Days to Germinate or Days till Harvest or Bloom
4. Light Requirements if known (sun, shade, part sun/shade)
5. Planting Instruction/ Seed Depth
6. Nutritional Fact about Plants: (i.e. carrots are full of Vitamin E which improves your vision)
7. Fun fact about plant of your choice (i.e. tomatoes were first grown as decorative plant before we learned the fruit was edible).
8. Hand drawn picture or cut out picture from seed catalog, or download a picture from the internet

Grades: 3rd Grade and Beyond

Core Subjects: Art, Science, Nutrition or History

Materials:

- Old Seed Packets, Seed Catalogs, or Paper for Hand Drawn Art
- Wire Coat Hangers
- Laminating Paper

Preparing Wire and Laminating Sheet:

1. Cut wire hanger twice – around 7” to the right and left of center
2. Reshape hanger to create a fork shape
3. Cut plastic album pages into envelopes or prepare laminating paper
4. Slide the fork into album paper or laminating paper
5. Secure sides with tape to keep water or rain from getting in
6. Insert Seed or Plant Label into laminated paper and wire handle