



Seed Scavenger Hunt

How many things do you think you have in your house that are seeds?

What if you included the seeds in your neighborhood?

Seeds are part of what we eat, flowering plants, and trees (even conifers!). These all make seeds to make new plants.

Ideas for Scavenger Hunts

OUTSIDE!

- ▶ How many different seeds can you find? Now is a great time to look for seeds and seed pods before things start to leaf out in the spring.
- ▶ You can divide the hunt even further by thinking about how those seeds move around (i.e. wind, sticking to animals, getting eaten by animals)
- ▶ Do you find the same seeds in the woods as you do in a field or in your yard?
- ▶ Find an oak tree with lots of fallen acorns. Last year was what is called a mast year for oaks. A mast year is when the trees in an area produce a huge number of seeds in one year. Oaks have a mast year every 2 to 5 years. If you find a good tree you, might find thousands of seeds under it.

INSIDE!

- ▶ Find how many things in your pantry, spice cabinet, or refrigerator have seeds.
- ▶ Read the ingredients on different foods such as cereal, bread, hummus, cookies, and any prepared food. How many of the ingredients come from seeds? (Hint: oats, corn, wheat, rice and chocolate all come from seeds!)