Leaf and Seed Matching!

Grades: 3rd - 5th

Objective: Match the leaves with the seeds that come from the same tree!

Instructions: Cut out the leaf and seed cards along the dotted lines on pages 2 through 6. Mix them up and instruct students to use the clues on the cards to match the leaf and seed that come from the same tree species. Compare the matches with the answer sheet on page 7!

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Sweetgum

My fruit is a ball you wouldn't want to step on

Dogwood

My fruit is red and forms in clusters

Black locust

My fruit is a long pea-like pod

White oak

My fruit wears a hat
Black walnut

My fruit has a thick green husk

Tuliptree

My fruit has many winged seeds in a cone shape

Sycamore

My fruit is a ball that's a little bit spiky

Red maple

My fruit can fly like a helicopter
White pine

My seeds are found inside of a cone

Redbud

My fruit is a pea-like pod

Seed #1

My leaf has 4 lobes and looks like a cat's face

Seed #2

My leaf has many rounded lobes
My leaf is shaped like a star

Seed # 3

My leaf is oval-shaped

Seed # 4

My leaf has many smaller leaves called 'leaflets'

Seed # 5

My leaf is shaped like a heart

Seed # 6
My leaf has many pointed leaflets (smaller leaves)

My leaf has 3-5 pointy lobes

My leaf has a spiky-looking edge

My leaves are needles!
Answer Sheet

Seed #1 - tuliptree
Seed #2 - white oak
Seed #3 - sweetgum
Seed #4 - dogwood
Seed #5 - black locust
Seed #6 - eastern redbud
Seed #7 - black walnut
Seed #8 - red maple
Seed #9 - sycamore
Seed #10 - white pine