

Science Focus of Paired Books: Plants & Seeds

Fiction Paired Book Title: Miss Maple's Seeds by Eliza Wheeler

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin)

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ISBN: 978-0-399-25792-6

Non-Fiction Paired Book Title: The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books

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ISBN: 0-88708-015-4

Activity Idea:

For an activity, you can use an “Are Seeds the Same?” investigation. Using an ice cube tray, place different seeds in each cube. Give students a magnifying glass and have them record the differences. See if they can guess which seeds are which (you can give them a list of the seeds in the tray). Afterward, students can choose a couple of (reasonably sized) seeds to grow in the classroom.

Related Titles:

- BrainPop Jr. videos—*Parts of a Plant* and *Plant Life Cycle*
- Magic School Bus Plants Seeds by Patricia Relf

Science Focus of Paired Books: Plants (in Autumn)

Fiction Paired Book Title: Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Copyright: 2006

ISBN: 978-0-06-113401-2

Non-Fiction Paired Book Title: What Happens in Fall by Sara L. Latta

Publisher: Enslow Publishers, Inc.

Copyright: 2006

ISBN: 978-0-7660-2417-5

Activity Idea:

Take the class out for a Nature Walk to collect Fall leaves. Encourage them to pick leaves that vary in color, size, and shape. Challenge them to find at least 5 different Fall leaves. Bring them inside to do leaf rubbings with crayons. Show them the different parts of the leaf—veins, stem, etc.

Related Titles:

- BrainPop Jr. video—*Fall*
The Little Yellow Leaf by Carin Berger