

Cross Curricular Activity: Writing

Lesson: *The Mystery Seed*

Grade Level: 1-3

Overview: This exercise is a great way for students to take what they know about plant growth and think creatively to construct a story about their garden and a mystery seed.

Approximate Duration: one class period

National Social Studies Standards: [NL-ENG.K-12.4](http://www.educationworld.com/standards/national/lang_arts/english/k_12.shtml) Communications Skills
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Objective: Students will use their imagination to write a story about a mystery seed and their Victory Garden.

Procedure:

Materials:

1. An odd looking seed
 2. Pencils
 3. Paper
- Have your students search the schoolyard for odd looking seeds or find one of your own to pass around the class.
 - Once each student has seen and held the seed it is time for them to begin writing.

Assessment:

- Have each student write a story about what happens when they plant the seed in their Victory Garden. Tell them that their seed can grow into anything! And that they should use their imagination when they write.