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# PLANT PART AWARDS

## LET'S DISCUSS

1. Think of all the fruits and vegetables you eat. Do you have a favorite?
2. Why is this fruit or vegetable your favorite? (Is it your favorite color, is it sweet, juicy?)
3. Think about where fruits and vegetables come from. They are all a part of a plant!

Many edible plants have six plant parts: roots, stems, leaves, flower, fruits, and seeds! Fruits are the parts of the plant that contain the seeds. If you were a chef, you might sort fruit and vegetables by flavor (apples are sweet fruits, and peppers are savory vegetables). But if you are a scientist, any plant part that holds the seeds inside is actually a fruit!

Think of all the fruits and vegetables you eat. Are any of the vegetables you eat really fruit? (examples: tomatoes, peppers, green beans, pumpkin, squash, and cucumbers) If it is not a fruit, then what is it? Any part of a plant that we eat that is not fruit is a vegetable! That means roots, stems, leaves, and flowers we eat are all vegetables. These plants will eventually make a flower, fruit, and seeds but we usually eat them before they do.

## ACTIVITY

Learn about plant parts by using your senses! You can do this activity using any of the plants growing in your Farmstand.

1. Use Your Senses: Gently harvest different plant parts that are ready to eat from your farmstand. Before tasting, observe the plant part with all of your senses. What do you notice about the color, shape, texture, or smell?
2. Sort Plant Parts: Write the six plant parts on the board: leaves, flowers, fruits with seeds. As a group, hold up each fruit or vegetable and have the class take their best guess for which plant part they are about to try. Some fruits and vegetables will have more than one part, like a tomato (fruit) with seeds inside.

PART OF THE PLANT	STEMS	LEAVES	FLOWERS	FRUITS (WITH SEEDS INSIDE)
EXAMPLE	<i>Green onion Celery</i>	<i>Spinach Kale Lettuce</i>	<i>Broccoli Cauliflower</i>	<i>Cucumber Tomato Eggplant</i>

3. Give Out Plant Part Awards! Do a taste test and give out plant awards! Students can do this on their own or take a poll as a class for each category.

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