REFLECT: Food Production Department Grab Bag

Essential Question:
What have I learned about the Food Production Department?

At a Glance:
Students will use their sense of touch and descriptive words to reflect upon objects relating to the Food Production Department.

Procedure:
1. Place a number of items that relate to the Food Production Department in a bag or box that conceals their identity but allows students to reach in and explore the objects. Some suggested items include: acorn, leaf, snake skin, mushroom, animal skull, berries, bag of soil, etc.
2. Taking turns, have students reach in and feel an object. Using descriptive language, have students describe the object to their classmates and try to guess what the object is.
3. Take the object out of the bag/box and discuss what the object is and how it relates to their learning experience. Use the Reflection Questions to expand upon the reflection process.
4. If time permits, mention other aspects of the Food Production Department that are important and use the reflection questions to continue your discussion.

Reflection Questions:
What role does this object play in the Food Production Department?
What roles does this object play in the ecosystem?
Does this object help or hurt you?
What are some plants and/or animals that depend on this object?
What plants and/or animals does this object need to live or remain healthy?
What would happen if this object was taken out of the ecosystem? How does that make you feel?
What is your role in the Food Production Department?
Why do you need the Food Production Department?
Does the Food Production Department need you?

Location: classroom

Objectives: Learners will
1) reflect upon what they have learned about the food production eco-service.
2) use their sense of touch as well as descriptive words to reflect on objects relating to the Food Production Department.

Skills: communication, writing, drawing

Supplies:
• Bag or box that conceals contents
• Food Production Department objects: acorn, leaf, snake skin, mushroom, animal skull, berries, bag of soil, etc.