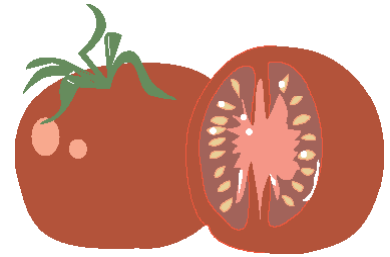


Turning Tomato

Create a spinner on a plate to learn tomato facts!

Materials:

- 1 red paper plate for each student
- 1 green stem made with construction paper for each student
- White “spinner” with tomato facts
- Scissors



Directions:

1. Have students draw a circle as big as their red plate and cut it out.
2. Have students divide the circle into eighths by drawing a pie graph on the circle.
3. Have students write a tomato fact on each eighth.
4. Have students attach the divided fact circle to the red plate with a brad.
5. Have students glue the stem to the top of the tomato.
6. Now students have a fun way to learn all about tomatoes!

Tomato Facts:

- The tomato is a cousin to the deadly plant nightshade.
- The tomato is the world’s most popular fruit.
- Tomatoes are rich in Vitamins A and C and are cholesterol free.
- The scientific term for the common tomato is lycopersicon, which means “wolf peach.”
- The tomato is in the same family as the potato, pepper, eggplant and petunia.
- There are more than 10,000 varieties of tomatoes.
- Tomatoes were first cultivated in 700 AD by Aztecs and Incas.
- In 1893, the Supreme Court ruled that the tomato must be considered a vegetable, although it is truly a fruit.

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