LIVING NECKLACES

Ag in the Classroom
Louisiana

Materials

- small zippered plastic bags (2x3" jewelry size)
- Cotton balls
- Seeds (corn, bean, etc.)
- Yarn or ribbon (24" lengths)
- Water

DIRECTIONS

1. Dip cotton ball into water and place in the bag.
2. Place seeds on the cotton ball. If using large seeds such as beans, use only one seed. If using smaller seeds, use several seeds.
3. Zip bag closed.
4. Punch a hole in the bag above the zipper.
5. Thread yarn through the hole, making the bag into a necklace. Place around students' necks.
6. In a few days the seeds will sprout due to moisture and the person's body heat, making this a living necklace.

The Living Necklace is a fun and educational hands-on activity, which may be used with many life science lessons. This activity would enhance lessons achieving the following benchmarks:

Science Frameworks

Life Science

K-4	5-8
LS-E-A1	LS-M-A3
LS-E-A3	
LS-E-C1	

Science as Inquiry

SI-E-A3