

# HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

## Investigation 2: Observing Leaves

### Is This My Leaf?

Play this game with two or more players—the more the merrier.

#### Materials

- 8–12 Leaves that have fallen from the same kind of tree
- 1 Box or bag to hold the leaves

#### Activity

Collect a batch of leaves that have fallen from one tree. Take them to a table to play a leaf-identification activity.

1. Spread your leaves on a table.
2. Each player chooses one leaf and studies it carefully for a minute or two.
3. Everyone returns his or her leaf to the bag.
4. Mix up the leaves gently and spread them out again.
5. Try to find your leaf as quickly as possible.

Compare leaves with the other players. Discover what makes your leaf different from all the other leaves. Is it the smallest? Is it the biggest? Does it have a special spot or mark on it? Does it have an unusual edge or shape?

When all players are sure they know how their leaf differs from all the others, return the leaves to the bag and let everyone draw a new leaf. Repeat the activity.