

# Taste and Teach

## December - Citrus



### Five **Fun Facts** About Citrus!

- The navel orange got its name because the button end resembles a belly button.
- Eating just one orange provides 100% of the recommended daily intake of vitamin C.
- Moro or “blood” oranges are known for their burgundy color.
- Florida is the number one producer of citrus fruits, and the majority of their crop is used to make processed juice products.
- California is the leading producer of fresh citrus fruits (sold fresh rather than made into juice).

### Four **Fun Teaching Ideas!**

- Watch this video about citrus from Sunkist:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNNdMrBaYm4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNNdMrBaYm4)
- Create a comic strip depicting the threat Asian citrus psyllid poses for California’s citrus industry. See the Asian Citrus Psyllid Fact and Activity Sheet.
- Bees are needed for citrus fruit to grow. Try the *Busy Bees* WE Garden activity to illustrate the importance of pollination in a new way.
- Invite students to create a Venn Diagram comparing two citrus fruits. Make it fruit-tastic by drawing the circles as fruit shapes.

*Explore all the great citrus resources in this section!*

