Cranberries grow on vines that run along the ground in sandy bogs and marshes. It takes 16 months to grow cranberries.

¡Una mazorca de maíz tiene alrededor de 800 granos individuales! Tradicionalmente el maíz se consumía seco en sopas, guisos y panes!

Okra is native to Africa and was brought here by enslaved African women who braided the seeds into their hair.

I wonder why some foods we eat fresh and others we eat dried?

Me pregunto a qué sabe la okra. ¿Me gustaría?

I wonder how my family likes to eat corn and why?
Native Americans celebrate many “thanksgivings” throughout the year to honor what nature provides each season. For example, the Cranberry Thanksgiving is celebrated by many tribes in New England including the Mohegan, Narragansett, Mashpee and Aquinnah Wampanoag. Cranberries can be used either fresh or dried for eating, and the plant was also used as medicine and dye for rugs and blankets.

Native people gathered wild berries by hand. Cranberry bog harvesting was created by colonial farmers.

Cranberries are traditionally the last fresh fruit of the season, and rich in antioxidants and vitamin C, E, and K.

Cranberries, like corn and sunflowers, were only found in ‘the Americas’ before colonization.

**Harvest Johnnycake**

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Johnnycakes or Journeycakes are a traditional traveling food that is made from cornmeal and water. Similar to pancakes, they were traditionally cooked over hot coals or on hot stones. Try making this simple, delicious Cranberry Journeycake recipe at home with these native ingredients.

You will need:
- Cornmeal
- Maple syrup
- Fresh or dried cranberries
- Cooked or canned pumpkin
- Sunflower seeds or other optional ingredients!

For full recipe and instructions visit the link below!

**It's Crunch Time!**

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