Egg Toss

Objective: Students will learn about eggs and chickens.

Materials Needed:

1. Beach ball with numbers 1-20 written on it randomly
2. List of the following 20 questions
3. Arizona Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom’s Poultry Kit

Procedure:

1. Toss the egg yolk (beach ball) with numbers around the room. When a student catches the ball have him/her say the number where his/her left thumb lands or is closest to.
2. Ask the question that corresponds to the number the students gets.
3. Have the students answer. Discuss with the class if necessary.
4. Have the student pass the ball to another student.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 until all 20 questions have been answered.
Egg Toss Questions

Elementary:

1. What is the name of Arizona’s Family Farm that cares for over 7 million laying hens?
   Hickman’s Family Farms

2. What is a hen?
   A female chicken

3. How many eggs can a chicken lay in 1 day?
   1…about every 26 hours

4. What is a term used to describe a method by which farmers and breeders check to see if eggs are fertile or not?
   Candling

5. What does it mean when an egg is fertilized?
   The egg, if incubated, will produce a chick

6. What is a rooster?
   A male chicken

7. Does Hickman’s Family Farms have any roosters?
   No, because they only want unfertilized eggs

8. How can you tell what color egg a hen is going to lay?
   By their feathers and earlobes. Brown is a brown egg and white is a white egg

9. True or False: There is a nutritional difference between white and brown eggs?
   False: brown and white eggs are the same nutritionally
10. What eggs can produce a chick? Fertilized or unfertilized?
   A fertilized egg

11. Hickman’s Family Farm is what generation Family Farm?
   3rd generation family farm

12. What does biosecurity have to do with?
   The prevention of disease

13. What is a benefit of keeping hens in houses?
   Climate control, disease control, protection from elements and predators, etc

14. What are the different sizes of eggs?
   Pee wee, small, medium, large, extra large

15. What problems can farmers run into with raising their birds outside?
   Predators, weather, pecking order, etc

16. What are the different ways to raising laying hens?
   Cages, laying houses, and outside

17. How many days does it take fertilized chicken eggs to hatch?
   21 days

18. Are Hickman’s eggs fertilized or unfertilized?
   Unfertilized

19. What is the yellow part of the egg called?
   The yolk

20. Chickens swallow their food without chewing and then it is broken up by what?
   The gizzard