

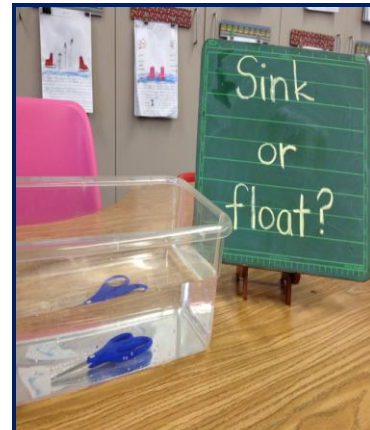
# Think Like a Scientist

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## *[OBSERVE]*

I saw a small maple seed float.  
It drifted along like a boat.  
This made me think: "What *floats*?" and "What *sinks*?"  
So I wrote myself a quick note:

*A penny. A pencil. A block.*  
Which items sink down like a rock?  
*A straw. A crayon. A cup.*  
Which objects float up to the top?



## *[HYPOTHESIZE]*

I know what will sink in a flash  
when it's tossed in a tub with a splash.  
I can safely *predict* that a spoon and a brick  
will sink to the bottom--*FAST!*

## *[EXPERIMENT]*

But I have to *prove* what is true.  
So I know what I have to do.  
I can't simply guess. I must do a *test*--  
An *experiment's* fun to do, too!