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Storytime Starters

Gardens Spring 2018

Books for Toddlers:

Ten Seeds by Ruth Brown, 2001. (not in MPL collection)

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn, 2014. +PICTBOOK MITCHELL MCQUINN

Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres, 2007. NATURE Ayres

A Peaceful Garden by Lucy London, 2018. NATURE London

If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson, 2015. ANIMALS Nelson

Books for Preschoolers:

Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root, 2017. NATURE Root

Chirri & Chirra In the Tall Grass by Kaya Doi, 2017. CHARACTERS Doi

Bloom by Deborah Diesen, 2017. GROWING Diesen

Looking Closer Inside the Garden by Frank Serafini, 2008. +578.7554 Se651

Who Is In the Garden? by Vera Rosenberry, 2001. NATURE Rosenberry

Muncha, Muncha, Muncha by Candace Fleming, 2002. FAVORITES Fleming

My Garden by Kevin Henkes, 2010. FAVORITES Henkes

The Bad Seed by Jory John, 2017. FAVORITES John

School-Age Extension:

Watch Me Grow!: a Down-to-Earth Look at Growing Food in the City by Deborah

Hodge, 2011. +630.91732 H662w

One Watermelon Seed by Celia Barker Lottridge, 2008. CONCEPTS Lottridge



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Fingerplays & Songs :

My May Garden

Tune: "Skip to My Lou"

Sun in the sky, shine, shine, shine.
Sun in the sky, shine, shine, shine.
Sun in the sky, shine, shine, shine.
Help me with my garden.

Additional Verses:

Rain from the clouds, drip, drip, drip.
Seeds in the dirt, grow, grow, grow.

(From:

http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music_station04/music_station2_may04.shtml)

Flowers, Flowers Everywhere

by Jean Warren

(to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Flowers, flowers everywhere;
In the garden, in my hair.
In the vase, at the store,
On the table, on the door.
What a lovely time of year,
Flowers blooming, bringing cheer.

<https://www.sjpl.org/blog/early-literacy-everyday-spaces-garden>

My Garden

This is my garden; I'll plant it with care,
Here are the seeds I'll plant in there,
The sun will shine,
The rain will fall,
The seeds will sprout and grow up tall.

(From:

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems22.html>)

Gardening

Sung to: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Dig, dig, dig the earth
(make digging motion)
Then you plant your seeds
(pretend to drop seeds)
A gentle rain (Flutter fingers down)
And bright sunshine
(Circle arms above head)
Will help your flowers grow
(Hold one arm parallel to ground and
move other arm up behind it with
fingers extended to represent a flower
growing)

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STAFF ONLY

Big Book:

Planting a Rainbow

Flannel Boards:

Garden Cheer

Carrots in the Garden

Flower Garden

When I think of Veggies

Prop Stories:

Big Big Turnip

Movies:

And Then It's Spring

Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms

Planting a Rainbow

Stamps:

Carrot

Tomatoes

Seed packet

Watering Can

Flowers



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Craft:

Garden Wish Flags-<http://www.theartpantry.com/garden-wish-flags-artful-parent/>



As Spring begins, what do kids wish for their garden/park? Sunshine, rain, fairies, a talking carrot?

Beaded Garden Ornament

<https://artfulparent.com/2012/06/beaded-garden-ornaments.html>

MATERIALS

Assorted beads (translucent beads are especially nice for this project)
Pipecleaners
Wood dowels
Hot glue gun (optional)



App:

Play Literacy: Guess What the Seed Is

Early Learning Tip:

Touch, taste, smell, look and observe how plants grow over time while appreciating their different colors and wonderful smells.