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Books for Toddlers:

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn, 2014. +PICTBOOK MITCHELL MCQUINN
Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres, 2007. NATURE Ayres
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:

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**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)

**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)

**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

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**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)
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
Craft:


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)
Pipe cleaners
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.