

Gardens

ELA

Read: Little Critters Green Green Garden Story



<https://video.link/w/dHv8b>

Read: Up, Down and Around gardening



<https://video.link/w/FMv8b>

Read: This is the Sunflower



<https://video.link/w/NXt8b>

Letter and sounds:

The word sunflower has 2 syllables. Say "sun" into one hand. Say "flower" into the other. Say "sunflower" as you clap your hands. With what letter does sunflower begins with? Ss. What else starts with s?

Letter and sounds:

Draw your favorite garden tool. Think of the beginning sound. Try to label your tool. Tell why you chose that tool. Try out the tool and draw what you looked like being a gardener.

Letter and sounds:

What is a garden? A garden is a place where plants, such as flowers, fruit, and vegetables grow. Say "garden"-clap 2 syllables while you say "garden". Write gar ● den. Tell child if we spoke in robot we would say; gar-den. It has 2 syllables. Who in our family has a 2 syllables (clap) name? What else starts with Gg.

Letter and sounds:

After finding pictures of fruits and vegetables in grocery ads and magazines, choose at least 4 to draw and color. Label with their beginning sound or sound out the whole word.

	<p>Letter and sounds: Think of rhymes for snail. Did you think of bail, fail, hail, jail, mail, nail, pail, sail, tail? Write these words in your journal and add a little drawing so you can use them when you write another day.</p>
Math	
	<p>Make a counting book using fruit and vegetable. Write one number per page (1-5) and draw the number of fruit or vegetable representing the number. Then put the book in order. 1 apple, 2 bananas, 3 ears of corn, 4...etc.</p>
	<p>Guessing Jar Invite children to explore a small jar filled with sunflower seeds. They have a chance to examine the jar and estimate how many seeds are in the jar. "Look at the sunflower seeds in the jar. Do you think you can guess how many are in there?" Write down the guess. Open the jar and count. How close to the number was your child's guess?</p>
	<p>Card Game – High/Low (played like War) Play a game of High/Low. Use playing cards with number cards. (Leave out face cards) Ask your grown up to pass out cards evenly between 2 players. Set half the deck in front of each of you, turn over top cards. High card wins both cards.</p>
	<p>Number Line Match Set out playing cards in order in a line on the floor. Count out objects to match that number. 1-one penny, 2 – two pennies, 3-three pennies</p>
	<p>STEM: Watch the life cycle of the sunflower.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>https://video.link/w/6gu8b</p> </div>
	<p>STEM: Set up a worm habitat. Get a clean jar. Put holes in lid. Put shredded newspaper on the bottom, then soil into the jar. Find worms. They are easy to find after it rains. Gently put them into the jar. Put some orange peels, and strawberry slices under the soil.</p>
	<p>STEM: Make a watering can https://tinyurl.com/WATER-JUG</p>

Art/Sensory

Make seed packets. Label the packet with the name and what the fruit or vegetable will look as grown produce ready to harvest.

Art/Sensory:
Draw spirals with a black crayon and use watercolors to paint a snail shell. If you do not have watercolors, you can put a dried-out marker in a little cup and the ink will make watercolor wash.



Art/Sensory: Peel your black crayon and do a rubbing of a leaf with big veins. -or- Draw around leaves with a crayon. Press hard. Draw the veins on the leaves. Use watercolor to paint over crayon. The crayon will resist the paint!



Art: Look at these art prints by Van Gogh and Monet. Create a sunflower. You can draw with yellow, orange, green, brown and black crayons or colored pencils. If you have paints, create a sunflower with a long stem.



	<p>Art: Look at this art print by Van Gogh, paint/draw a garden</p> 
Gross/Fine Motor	
	<p>Gross Motor: Garden Yoga-Pretend to be a flower https://tinyurl.com/y3w563u9</p>
	<p>Gross Motor: Act out being the gardener who builds a fence. Sing: "The Gardener Builds A Fence."</p>
	<p>Gross Motor: Take different kinds of steps around the yard while worm & snail hunting. Giant steps, baby steps, sidesteps, hopping, jumping...</p>
	<p>Fine Motor: Use scissors to start with a brown circle for the center of the flower. You can trace a small plate. Cut yellow paper petals to glue on the back of the brown circle to make a sunflower. If you have a hole puncher, punch black paper for seeds. Glue in center of flower.</p>
	<p>Fine Motor: Cut out pictures of things that grow from the ground. Look in grocery ads & magazines. Sort them into fruits, vegetables or herbs.</p>
	<p>Fine Motor: Use playdough to make daisies. Use a flattened ball for the center. Flatten more balls for the outside. Roll a snake for the stem. Use smaller balls for leaves. Count petals & leaves.</p>
Dinner	
	<p>What do we know about gardens? What do we want to find out? Talk with your family about their experiences with gardens.</p>
	<p>What do the worm and the snail bring to the garden? Is one a pest and one a helper? Both pests? Both helpers? Have someone write down your questions and let's find out!</p>

	<p>What does a gardener do? What kind of tools does a gardener use? Is one trowel better than another? What kind of garden hose is best? Gather any gardening tools you have. Maybe borrow from other family?</p>
	<p>Tell what you know about sunflowers. Are they tall or small? What color? How did they get their name? What food do we get from sunflowers?</p>
	<p>What grows out of the ground? Explain that plants such as flowers, fruit and vegetables grow out of the ground. List your ideas. Save the list for the walk.</p> <p>Sing "The Gardener Builds the Fence".</p>