

Perry Public Library Storytime

How My Garden Grows !



Stories we shared:

Planting a rainbow: by Lois Ehlert

From the Garden: by Michael Dahl

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

Flower Garden: by Eve Bunting

Growing Vegetable soup: by Lois Ehlert

Miss Emma's Wild Garden: by Anna Hines

Vegetables Go to Bed: by Christopher King

The Gumdrop Tree: by Elizabeth Spurr

The Gardener: by Sarah Stewart

The day the daisies danced: by Dee Lillegard

Titch: by Pat Hutchins

The carrot seed: by Ruth Kraus

The Tiny Seed: by Eric Carle

In my Mother's Garden: by Melissa Madenski

Eating the Alphabet: by Lois Ehlert

Oliver's Vegetables: by Vivian French

Paddington Bear in the Garden: by Michael Bond

Round the Garden: by Omri Glaser

Whose Garden is it? By Mary Ann Hoberman

Growing Colors: by Bruce McMillan

My Garden: by Kevin Henkes

The Surprise Garden: by Zoe Hall

A Handful of Sunshine: by Melaine Eclare

Sunflower: by Sally Noll

Moose in the Garden: by Nancy Carlstrom

How Groundhog's Garden Grew: by Lynne Cherry

Parable of the Sunflower: by Liz Higgs

Pea Pod Babies: by Karen Baicker

Zinnia's Flower Garden: by Monica Wellington

Waiting for Wings: by Lois Ehlert

This year's garden: by Cynthia Rylant

Muncha Muncha Muncha: by Candace Fleming

Cecil's Garden: by Holly Keller

Harvey the Gardener: by Lars Klinting

In the Garden: Who's Been Here? By Lindsay George

In My Garden: by Ward Schumaker

Counting Wildflowers: by Bruce McMillan



Early Literacy Extras:

- ☼ Talk about the word "garden" sound out the different parts of the word "gar-den" – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Clap once for each syllable of the word. Do the same thing with "season, flower, and vegetable."
- ☼ Help your child think of words that rhyme with "flower" like "shower, tower, hour, sour" – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "leaf" and "tree" too!
- ☼ Help your child find things that start with the "G"- "guh" sound (game, goose, glue, grapes, guitar, gift, giraffe).
- ☼ Gather wildflowers outside with your child. Sort them by shape, by color, by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.
- ☼ Learn the names of the trees and other plants in your yard, at the park, in your neighborhood. Learning these names is a great way to expand your child's vocabulary!
- ☼ Read the color names on a box of crayons. These creative and unusual names are also a great vocabulary booster.
- ☼ The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Try the songs and rhymes on the following pages.

Songs and rhymes to share:

In My Garden by Raffi "One Light One Sun"

Watch it Bloom

Here is a green leaf (hold out one palm)
And here is a green leaf (hold out other palm)
That, you see, makes two.
Here is a bud (cup hands together)
That makes a flower
Watch it bloom for you! (slowly open hands)

Five Pretty Sunflowers (hold up 5 fingers)

Five pretty sunflowers standing in the sun
Now their heads are nodding (bend fingers)
And bowing one by one
Down, down, down, down
Comes the gentle rain
(raise hands, then lower, wiggling fingers)
And the five pretty sunflowers
Lift up their heads again (raise up 5 fingers)

Five Little Sunflowers

Five little sunflowers, growing in the ground
(crouch down)
Five little sunflowers yellow and brown
The sun began to shine - The rain began to fall
(arms over head - fingers flutter down)
And the five little sunflowers grew up tall
(pretend to grow - stretch arms up)

Dig a Little Hole

Dig a little hole (pretend to dig)
Plant a little seed (pretend to plant)
Pour a little water (pretend to water)
Pull a little weed (pretend to weed)
Chase a little bug (shoo with hands)
There he goes! (wiggle fingers away)
Give a little sunshine (arms circle overhead)
Grow a little rose (pretend to hold flower to smell)

Will Our Flowers Bloom?

(sung to "Wheels on the Bus")

The seeds from the pack go in the ground,
In the ground, in the ground,
The seeds from the pack go in the ground,
Will our flowers bloom?

The rain from the sky goes drip, drop, drip,
Drip, drop, drip; drip, drop, drip,
The rain from the sky goes drip, drop, drip,
Will our flowers bloom?

The sun above is bright and hot,
Bright and hot, bright and hot,
The sun above is bright and hot,
Will our flowers bloom?

Our little seeds are sprouting fast,
Sprouting fast, sprouting fast,
Our little seeds are sprouting fast,
Look! Our flowers bloomed!

Mr. Sun by Raffi "Singable Songs"

I Dig, Dig, Dig

I dig, dig, dig (pretend to dig)
And I plant some seeds (stoop down to plant)
I rake, rake, rake (pretend to rake)
And I pull some weeds (pull up weeds)
I wait and watch (hands on hips looking down)
My garden sprouts (hands low)
And starts to grow! (raise hands)

Five Little Peas

Five little peas in a peapod pressed (2 hands clasped)
One grew, two grew and so did all the rest
(spread hands apart slowly)
They grew and grew and did not stop
(stretch fingers wide)
Until one day the pod went ...POP! (clap hands once)

Planting Time (to the tune of "Row Row Your Boat")

Dig, dig, dig the earth (pretend to dig)
Then you plant your seeds (pretend to plant)
A gentle rain (fingers flutter down)
The bright sunshine (arms circle overhead)
And flowers you will see (open arms wide)

Round the Garden

Round and round the garden (draw circle on tummy)
Goes the teddy bear
One step, two steps (walk fingers up chest)
Tickle under there! (tickle neck)
Round and round the garden (draw circle on tummy)
Goes the little mouse
One step, two steps (walk fingers up chest)
Into his little house (tickle under arm)

Flower Song (Tune: "Sing a Song of Sixpence")

Sing a song of flowers, flowers all around
Flowers that are growing, growing in the ground
Flowers of each color make a pretty view
Red and pink and orange and yellow
Blue and purple too!

Up Pops the Flower (Tune of: "Pop! Goes the Weasel")

We plant some seeds in the dirt.
The rain falls in a shower.
The sun comes out, and what do you know?
Up! Pops a flower!

The Gardener Plants the Seeds

(Sing to "The Farmer in the Dell")

The gardener plants the seeds.
The gardener plants the seeds.
High ho the derry oh,
The gardener plants the seeds.
2nd verse: The rain falls on the ground
3rd verse: The sun shines bright and warm.
4th verse: The seeds begin to grow.
5th verse: Flowers grow everywhere.