



## “In The Garden”

### What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes,  
and doing activities related to

#### “In The Garden”!

This week we will learn about what you can grow in a garden and what things are grown from seeds. What are some things you might see in a garden? Fruits, vegetables, flowers, and don’t forget about the bugs — some are good and some are bad.

### New Letters



Big “G”, little “g”, big “X” and little “x”  
Some “G” words we will talk about are  
Garden, Goat, and Girl!

### Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use  
to help children learn how to  
form letters!

#### Letter Talk for big ‘G’

Circle left. Stop at the dotted  
line. Straight line across.

#### Letter Talk for little ‘g’

Circle left. Straight line  
down. Curve to the left.

#### Letter Talk for big ‘X’

Slanted line down to the  
right. Slanted line down to  
the left.

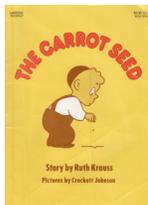
#### Letter Talk for little ‘x’

Draw a shorter slanted line  
down to the right. Slanted  
line down to the left.

### Revisiting the Concept :

#### Recalling Story Details

This week we will focus on story details, such as who the characters are, where the story takes place, and different events in the story. A simple book, like “The Carrot Seed”, can be used to help children easily recall details of a story.

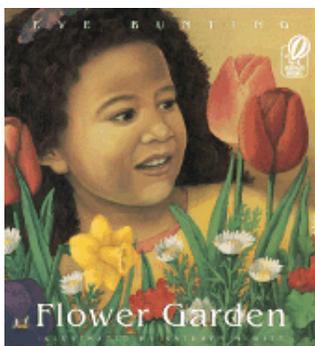


### New Songs



“Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary”  
“Ring around the Rosy”

### Revisiting the Book: “Flower Garden” by Eva Bunting



We have read this book before, so we will ask the children what details they remember about the story, such as “How was the girl able to have a flower garden even though she lives high above the ground in an apartment building?”. We will also try to recall events in the story through questions like “What happens at the end of the story?”.

**Remembering details from books is important, but it is also important to remember the details of our daily routines.**

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## Gardens and Nurseries

Children love to be outdoors! A great outdoor activity for you and your child is planting a garden.

Even if you do not have a large yard, you can still grow herbs or small flowers using a flower pot.

When you are planting, talk about each tool you are using and what it does. This will help your child learn new words and expand their vocabulary for reading. Look at seed packages and vegetables in the store. Then, decide what to plant—radishes, carrots and other things that grow fast work best, or find something you both love. By making decisions, your child develops problem solving skills. Remind your child to water the growing plants as needed.

**Discovering new plants can just as fun as planting them!** A great place to visit with your child is one of your local Nurseries.

## Try These Tips at Home

### Help your child learn about: *Recalling Story Details*

- Let your child read one of his or her favorite books to you. Since your child has heard the book many times, he or she will likely remember the details.
- Tell your child details about one of your favorite books from childhood. Read the book to your child and then ask your child if you remembered all of the important details from the story.

### Teach your child about the letters: *G, g, X, and x*

- Play “I Spy” for things that start with the letter “G” (grapes, girls, garden, etc.).
- When you come to a word that has the letter “G” in it as you are reading, ask your child what sound the “G” makes.
- “X” is not a very common letter, so see who can find the most words in an old newspaper or magazine that contain the letter “X”.

### Help your child learn more about: *Gardening*

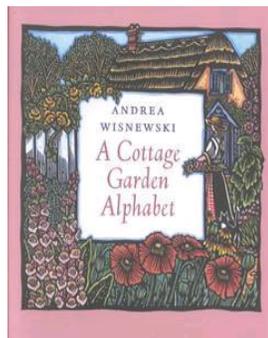
- Plant some seeds in a small container with your child. Water and care for your seeds, then watch them grow.
- Grow fruits or vegetables with your child. Your child will feel very proud when you eat the food they helped grow.
- Go on a treasure hunt at the grocery store for things that once grew in a garden. See how many fruits and vegetables your child can name.

### Books related to theme

- The Carrot Seed  
by Ruth Krauss
- Mrs. Spitzer’s Garden  
by Edith Pattou
- Growing Vegetable Soup  
by Lois Ehlert
- Little Green  
by Keith Baker
- My Day in the Garden  
by Miela Ford
- The Ugly Vegetables  
by Grace Lin

## Book Pick: “A Cottage Garden Alphabet”

Written by *Andrea Wisniewski*



This book will take you and your child on a journey from the “Arbor” to “Zucchini” as you help your child learn about letters and gardening at the same time. Some of the words, such as cottage, rose, and scarecrow, may be familiar to your child. Others, such as topiary and yarrow, may be new to your child. The pictures throughout the book are colorful and very detailed.

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