

Plants Book List

Interdisciplinary Unit of Study

Foundational Texts

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown: Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it.

An Orange in January by Dianna Hutts Aston: Follow an orange from blossom to the hands of a boy on the playground.

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner: Discover the wonders that lie hidden in the garden.

The Vegetables We Eat by Gail Gibbons: Who knew there were so many different kinds of vegetables?

Supporting Texts

Bee-bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park: A hungry Korean-American child tells about helping her mother make a traditional Korean dish.

*The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss: Everyone thinks the seed won't grow except for the young boy who planted it.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr: Can the whole alphabet fit in the coconut tree?

Cooking With Sunshine: How Plants Make Food by Ellen Lawrence: Explains the process of photosynthesis and how it powers the lives of plants.

Composting: Nature's Recyclers by Robin Koontz: Explore composting!

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z by Lois Ehlert: An alphabetic introduction to fruits and vegetables from around the world.

Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move by JoAnn Early Macken: A gust of wind gives lifts a maple seed, sending it spinning like a shiny green helicopter through the sky. Where will it land?

Flowers are Calling by Rita Gray: Flowers are calling to the animals of the forest.

*Food from Farms by Nancy Dickmann: There are many different farms which produce many different types of food.

From Flower to Honey by Robin Nelson: Follow each step in the production of honey.

From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons: Explore the intricate relationship between seeds and the plants they produce.

From Wheat to Bread by Stacy Taus-Bolstad: An introduction to the process of making bread from wheat.

Go, Go, Grapes! A Fruit Chant by April Pulley Sayre: This chant helps celebrate the joy of healthy eating.

Green Kid's Guide to Composting by Richard Lay: How to make a compost bin and use compost to fertilize a garden without the use of chemicals.

Green Kid's Guide to Watering by Richard Lay: How to plant seeds in a raised bed and keep it properly watered.

*Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert: A father and child plant a family garden.

*How a Seed Grows by Helene J. Jordan: How does a tiny acorn grow into an enormous oak tree?

How Does a Seed Sprout? And Other Questions About Plants by Melissa Stewart: A virtual garden of information on seeds and plants.

If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson: Small acts can have great power.

Let's Go Nuts! Seeds We Eat by April Pulley Sayre: What do nuts, beans, grains and even some spices have in common?

The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone: No one wants to help the Little Red Hen make the cake but everyone wants to eat it!

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Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn: After Lola reads a book about garden poems she wants to plant some flowers.

Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas by Molly Bang: A picture of the life cycles and food chains deep within our oceans.

Plants Feed Me by Lizzy Rockwell: Explore the edible parts of plants such as leaves, flowers, stems, roots and seeds.

*Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert: A guide to understanding how to plant bulbs, seeds and seedlings as well as nurture their growth.

Poetrees by Douglas Florian: A poetic exploration of trees.

Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant by April Pulley Sayre: Veggies take the stage in a rollicking ode to healthy eating.

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert: An introduction to the life of a tree.

Seeds by Ken Robbins: Learn how seeds grow as well as how they vary in shape, size and dispersal patterns.

A Seed Is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston: An informative look at the intricate, complex and often surprising world of seeds.

Seed to Plant by Kristin Baird Rattini: See how plants grow.

Seed to Plant by Lisa M. Herrington: The bright, giant sunflower begins as a tiny black seed.

So Happy! by Kevin Henkes: There once was a boy, a rabbit, a magic seed and a book...

Stone Soup by Heather Forest: If each person makes a small contribution the result can be huge.

Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson: Help a tree change through the seasons.

Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins: There are ten red apples hanging on the tree. Yippee, fiddle-dee-fee!

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle: The life cycle of a flower told through the adventures of a tiny seed.

Titch by Pat Hutchins: Titch is little and so is everything he has until one day his little seed grows much bigger than everything he has.

Underground by Denise Fleming: The down and dirty secrets of underground creatures.

The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli: What will happen if a crocodile swallows a watermelon seed?

Wiggling Worms at Work by Wendy Pfeffer: Explore how worms enrich the cycle of life.

**Books with an asterisk are also available in languages other than English.*