

Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Garden Treasures

Plant a seed and watch it grow. Your child will wiggle like a worm with excitement as they greet garden visitors like rabbits and moles. They will sing along with buzzing bees and pull out a carrot to make their own tasty garden soup. Watch your child's curiosity grow throughout this springtime study!

BASICS TO REINFORCE AT HOME

LETTERS Ff and Yy

NUMBERS 17 and 18

COLOR Pink

SHAPE Diamond



Learn with your child!

The greatest learning comes from the natural interests and passions of your child. When you see your child's eyes light up, stop and dig deeper into their interests. Here are some tips to connect with the interests of your child and learn together:

- **Take time just to watch** your child play.
- **Observe how your child engages physically with play objects.** Whether they sit quietly and work on a puzzle or run around with a scarf making loud noises, match the activity level of your child.
- **Say what you see.** Help build your child's vocabulary by narrating your observations about what and how your child is playing.
- **Ask open-ended questions** to get more information about what your child likes about what they are currently doing. Begin your questions with words such as "what," "how," "why" and "where."
- **Sneak in basic concepts**, such as counting, letter sounds, sorting and shapes by the way you talk during play: "Wow! You have so many toy cars in a line. How many do you have?"
- **Encourage your child** to use all of their senses to experience and explore new topics and interests.

The more involved you are with your child's education, the more they will value learning.

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I built a pet toad.

A toad's skin is rough and bumpy. I created bumpy skin by adding stickers to a cup that I pretended was a toad. Now I can make a home for my pet toad at home or school.



Today I planted a little garden.

Gardens can grow all different kinds of fruits and vegetables. I used an egg carton, sticks and paper to "plant" my own garden. I thought about what produce I wanted to grow in my garden and cut them out of paper. It's fun to make art that I can pretend with.



ASK ME: What is your favorite fruit or vegetable? How did you make the paper produce?

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RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Hello Ocean

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

From Seed to Plant

by Gail Gibbons

A Fruit Is a Suitcase for Seeds

by Jean Richards

The Vegetables We Eat

by Gail Gibbons

Growing Vegetable Soup

by Lois Ehlert

Tops & Bottoms

by Janet Stevens

What Do Roots Do?

by Kathleen V. Kudlinski



Family Activities

Plants All Around Us

Plant something, then take care of it and watch it grow with your family. If your child is young and patience is limited, choose something fast-growing, like grass seeds or herbs. At the market, point out and name different fruits and vegetables. Invite your child to pick out any vegetable or fruit to take home and try.

In the Garden

(Sing to the tune of "Old McDonald")

Let's plant some veggies in the garden,
They are good to eat.

We'll plant some carrots and some corn,
They are good to eat.

With some beans over here and some peas over there,
Here a bean, there a pea,
Everywhere a veggie!

Let's plant some veggies in the garden,
They are good to eat.

