

early learning garden

Read

Read a story about nature. Can you find some plants and animals you recognize in the pictures?

Write

Draw a picture of your garden, real or imaginary. What do you grow in your garden? What colors will you use?

Talk

Play I Spy in the garden. I Spy with my little eye something green ...

Sing

Can you make up a song about a garden to the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus*? "The plants in the ground grow big and strong, big and strong, big and strong. The plants in the ground grow big and strong all summer long." What comes next?

Play

Pretend to be a tiny seed in the ground (crouch down low). Sprinkle on some rain with your fingers. Be the sun's rays with your arms. Start to grow to the sky by uncurling and standing up tall!



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Welcome to our garden!

Welcome to Wheaton Public Library's **A Place to Grow Garden!** Young garden lovers can use this guide to explore our flowers, plants, and native grasses.



5 senses garden

See

Slowly turn in a circle and see the world around you. Get up close to a leaf or flower. What colors do you see? What shapes can you find?

Touch

Gently touch a leaf, petal, or tree trunk. Is it smooth or rough? Does it remind you of something else?



Hear

Close your eyes. What do you hear around you? Can you hear the wind in the tree branches? Do you hear a bird singing? What other sounds do you hear?

Taste

Imagine you are cooking a meal with fruits and vegetables from a garden. What does it taste like? Are they crunchy or chewy? What are your favorite fruits and vegetables to eat?

Smell

Close your eyes and take a deep breath in and out. Repeat. Do you smell any flowers or plants? What does the air smell like today?