

Errol's Garden

Extension Activities for the Classroom

Crafts:

Egg Carton Flowers & Cupcake Liner Flowers



Materials needed: egg cartons, paint, pipe cleaners, small pom poms and glue (ribbon is optional).



Materials needed: cupcake liners, popsicle sticks, pom poms, glue and green construction paper (for leaves)

Science:

Seed Growth Jars



Watching a seed grow is an exciting scientific experiment for preschoolers. This seed jar experiment helps children see what happens underneath the soil when a plant is growing. Place the jars in a spot where you'll remember to check their progress every day. You can even ask the children to document the journey.

Math:

Counting Seeds Gardening Sensory Bin



You can utilize your water table or a large plastic bin for this activity.

https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/counting-seeds-gardening-sensory-bin.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=363433850_11632568_21150

Music and Movement:

Garden Yoga



<https://www.pinkoatmeal.com/garden-yoga/>

Life Cycle of a Plant

In this movement practice, kids will act out the life cycle of the plant.

Seed: Curl up in a small ball and use your hands to “bury” yourself deep into the ground. Close your eyes and wait for rain to feed you. Take a few breaths. The rain comes and you slowly begin to grow in size.

Seedling: Your hands become the first leaves of the plant as it pops out from under the ground. You’re still close to the ground, not fully grown yet. You inhale as you take in the air and nourishment from the sun. You exhale and release oxygen for all the people in the garden to breathe.

Plant: You begin to grow upwards, and you extend your legs and arms fully to reach up to the sky. With your hands pointing up to capture the sun, you sway side to side in the wind.

Flower: Finally, you are ready to become a flower. Your arms and legs spread wide and you have a huge smile, just like a flower opens up itself to the world. Everyone smiles at you in return, admiring your beauty. The flowers and bees can’t help themselves and all come to visit you.

Seed: You’ve come full cycle. You were a seed that grew into a seedling, then a mature plant, and finally made flowers that have now transformed into seeds again. You are now on the ground. Slowly start to shrink back into the seed ball and tuck yourself back into the ground.

Garden Songs & Rhymes



<https://preschooleducation.com/songs/garden-songs-for-preschoolers/>

<https://www.prekinders.com/garden-plant-seeds-songs-kids/>

If you and your students enjoyed reading, *Errol's Garden*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *The Tiny Seed*, by Eric Carle
- *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*, by Kate Messner
- *The Curious Garden*, by Peter Brown