

# Gardening Week PK4



The learning objectives for this week are:

- Learn about parts of a plant and what makes a plant grow
- Work together to build a garden and talk about how to properly plant and grow a garden

## Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- Seed sorting activity- buy seed packets at the store (Dollar Store carries them for 4/\$1) and buy the fruit or veggies from the store that match the seeds. Then, have your child sort the seeds with the right fruit/veggie. You can also dissect the fruit/veggie to compare the seeds inside to the dried seeds from the store
- Find fake flowers and their matching seeds and do a flower/seed matching game (all can be found at Dollar Store)
- Pull weeds, dig in garden, water plants, plant plants
- Green Toys Build a Bouquet ([https://www.amazon.com/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=green+toys+build+a+bouquet&tag=googhydr-20&index=aps&hvadid=178101841178&hvpos=1f1&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3964217091682990867&hvptwo=&hvqmt=e&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=kwd-50563046995&ref=pd\\_sl\\_6sylv554tq\\_e](https://www.amazon.com/s/?ie=UTF8&keywords=green+toys+build+a+bouquet&tag=googhydr-20&index=aps&hvadid=178101841178&hvpos=1f1&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3964217091682990867&hvptwo=&hvqmt=e&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=kwd-50563046995&ref=pd_sl_6sylv554tq_e))
- Sorting parts of a flower ([http://munchkinsandmoms.com/sorting-parts-of-a-flower/?epik=OxxOxE\\_1W36hz](http://munchkinsandmoms.com/sorting-parts-of-a-flower/?epik=OxxOxE_1W36hz))
- Read Planting a Rainbow and build a rainbow flower out of blocks (<https://preschoolsteam.com/planting-a-rainbow-stem-activities-for-preschoolers/>)
- Make a garden sensory bin (<https://www.messforless.net/garden-sensory-bin/>)
- Fine motor spring flowers tray (<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2015/03/spring-fine-motor-tray-activity.html>)

## Math Element

- Count seeds
- Flower petal counting activity (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/181692166193442262/>)

## Literacy Element

- Tracing names with seeds (<https://funlearningforkids.com/tracing-letters-seeds/>)
- My name flower garden (<http://www.totschooling.net/2016/04/name-recognition-flower-garden.html>)

## Science Element

- Grow a Crystal Tree ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/B016VAAMNW/ref=asc\\_df\\_B016VAAMNW5433691/?tag=hyprod-20&creative=395033&creativeASIN=B016VAAMNW&linkCode=df0&hvadid=167130598061&hvp os=lo3&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=8295795313876499697&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=pla-311457650864](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B016VAAMNW/ref=asc_df_B016VAAMNW5433691/?tag=hyprod-20&creative=395033&creativeASIN=B016VAAMNW&linkCode=df0&hvadid=167130598061&hvp os=lo3&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=8295795313876499697&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=pla-311457650864))- I found a version of this at the Dollar Store
- Read Jack and the Beanstalk and grow a beanstalk ([https://www.pre-kpages.com/planting-and-growing-beans-in-preschool/?epik=ORhOxE\\_IW36hz](https://www.pre-kpages.com/planting-and-growing-beans-in-preschool/?epik=ORhOxE_IW36hz))

## Arts & Crafts

- Miracle Gro My First Garden (<https://www.amazon.com/Miracle-Gro-First-Garden-Horizon-Group/dp/B019IXQ8UA>)- I bought for half price at Hobby Lobby during a sale on kid activity boxes
- Wee Enchanted Fairy Garden ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000RH2FK4/ref=asc\\_df\\_B000RH2FK45433693/?tag=hyprod-20&creative=394997&creativeASIN=B000RH2FK4&linkCode=df0&hvadid=198059725112&hv pos=lo2&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=11114335203165919689&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=pla-373615523167](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000RH2FK4/ref=asc_df_B000RH2FK45433693/?tag=hyprod-20&creative=394997&creativeASIN=B000RH2FK4&linkCode=df0&hvadid=198059725112&hv pos=lo2&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=11114335203165919689&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011447&hvtargid=pla-373615523167))
- Invitation to Create by Shapes flower garden ([http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2016/02/invitation-to-create-flower-garden-kids-craft.html?epik=OoBOxE\\_IW36hz](http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2016/02/invitation-to-create-flower-garden-kids-craft.html?epik=OoBOxE_IW36hz))
- Still life flower painting (<https://www.pre-kpages.com/still-life-painting-with-preschoolers/>)
- Have a mommy/child art class and paint a flower while your child tries to copy you (Aria came up with this idea)
- Seed mosaics (<http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2012/04/seeds-plants-unit.html>)
- Do a Dot flowers (<https://thekindergartnecconnection.com/dot-flower-craft-kids/>)
- Egg carton flowers (<http://www.iheartartscrafts.com/egg-carton-flowers-kids-craft/>)

## Music & Movement

- Pick a flower movement game (<https://www.pre-kpages.com/spring-movement-games/>)

## Books to Read

- Planting a Rainbow by Eric Carle
- Stanley the Farmer, by William Bee
- Feeding Friendsies, by Suzanne Bloom
- Curious George Discovers Plants
- Curious George Discovers the Sun
- Planting the Wild Garden, by Kathryn Galbraith
- How a Seed Grows, by Helene J. Jordan
- We Eat Food That's Fresh, by Angela Russ-Ayon
- Secrets of the Vegetable Garden, by Carron Brown

## Shows & Movies

- Gnomeo and Juliet
- Bubble Guppies “The Spring Chicken is Coming”
- Creative Galaxy “Annie’s Flowers”
- Little Einstein’s Farmer Annie’s Garden

### Places and Experiences

- Go to Callaway Gardens or the Columbus Botanical Gardens
- Go to Lowe’s/Home Depot and look through all of the plants. Let your child help pick what herbs/vegetables to plant

### Snacks

- Ritz flower (<http://www.snackworks.com/recipe/ritz-flower-63322.aspx>)
- Tree pretzel and grape snack ([https://handsonaswegrow.com/hands-on-moms/easy-tree-snack-learning-activity-from-fantastic-fun-and-learning/#\\_a5y\\_p=618476](https://handsonaswegrow.com/hands-on-moms/easy-tree-snack-learning-activity-from-fantastic-fun-and-learning/#_a5y_p=618476))

### Miscellaneous

- Build your own toddler compost bin (<http://www.acottonkandilife.com/building-our-compost-bin-toddler-school/>)