

Weekly Theme: Gardening			Age Group: Toddler (1 year to 3 years)		
Language Development: Seeds, soil, sun, water, petals, tools, compost, dirt, fertilizer, patience, buckets.			Factual Statements: Plants grow in soil, plants need sun and water to grow, worms help the plants grow.		
<p>Objective Goals: Through participating in the activity, the children may learn:</p> <p>The children will be able to observe the plants growing cycle.</p> <p>The children will participate in planting seeds.</p>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group Time (songs, stories, games, etc.)	The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle	Earth Day from Mother Goose	The Gardening Song from Cocomelon	The Little Gardener by Jane Gerardi	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Outdoor Activities (1 idea each day)	Soil sensory and planting table	Scavenger hunt	Hot potato game	Water tables with flowers, spray bottles, and soil	Family planting seeds
Small group activities (1 activity in each. Curriculum area)	Language & Literacy Matching a picture to a object	Music The bees go buzzing	Art Watercoloring plants and flowers	Science Sensory table with planting tools	Math Counting flower petals on different flowers
Special Needs Accommodations (Hearing, seeing, speech, physical struggles, broken leg/arm, etc.) Choose 1 special need and 1 activity that you would adjust to accommodate the special need.			Special Need: For touch sensitive children, toys will be separated from the soil and water so they may still explore gardening tools.		
<p>Classroom Design Ideas:</p> <p>Coloring butterflies and hanging them around the class umbrellas</p> <p>pictures of insects</p> <p>seeds in squash and apples.</p>					

Self-Selected Activities		
Dramatic Play Farmers market with vegetables, fruits, and flowers.	Blocks Add insect manipulatives to block area, building raised gardening beds.	Literacy Center Look and find insect books. Plant and flower puzzles
Sensory Table (sand and water) Child safe soil or dried used coffee	Fine Motor Seed sorting	Art Finger painting flower petals, gluing seeds to the middle.