

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

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