



Our gardens and outside spaces are especially important to us right now; we need fresh air and sunshine. Plus, it is springtime! When it is not possible to go outside, consider “escaping” with us on a virtual, read-aloud garden tour, including simple home activities for everyone to enjoy together.

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.



Literacy Activity

I'm A Little Honeybee
(to the tune of "I'm A Little Tea Pot")

I'm a little honeybee

Yellow and black

See me gather

Pollen on my back

What the queen bee tells me

I must do

So I can make sweet honey for you!

Dramatic Play or Music Activity

Playing with flowers

Bring flowers and leaf cuttings in from around the yard (rinse them first). Make your own flowers and leaves and/or use silk flowers and leaves. Use plastic or paper cups, vases, etc. Put all in a large bin for the child to touch, feel, play. Make “floral arrangements” to place around the house.

Click [HERE](#) to see Ms. Pat in the activity.

Math Activity

Review the video of Learning About Plants ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)). Pause on each page and begin to **compare** the pictures and count/tally. *How many plants show buds, bulbs, flowers, fruit, leaves, petals, pollen, roots, seeds or seed pods, stems, thorns, vines? Which category is the largest common category? Check out leaf size, shape and patterns; what do you notice?*

Click [HERE](#) to see Ms. Lynn in the activity.

Science Activity

Seed Exploration:

As you and your family prepare a meal or snack together, explore the different seeds that you find.

Ex: avocado seed, apple seeds, orange seeds, sugar snap pea seed, cucumber seeds, etc.

Work together to describe the seeds by color, shape, size.



Excited to Learn More?

Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

Math Activity

Learning About Plants

1. Tour your garden/park. Collect flowers and leaves and observe what you see? What **sizes, shapes and patterns** do you see? Do you have any of the plants from the book?

2. **Compare** the leaves of non-carnivorous plants with those of the two “carnivorous” plants in the book. What differences do you see? Do you know what they are called and what they eat?

Venus Fly Trap



Strawberry Plant



Math (extensions)

Sort and classify seeds you can find around your home by: color, shape and size. Which are long? Short? Light? Heavy?

Some seeds you might have already:
avocado, apple, orange, flower

Language Activity

After singing I’m A Little Honeybee, point out the rhyming words in the song.

bee me

black back

do you

See what other rhyming words you can come up with throughout the day.

Some examples you might find around the house or when reading a book

blue shoe

pants ants

box fox