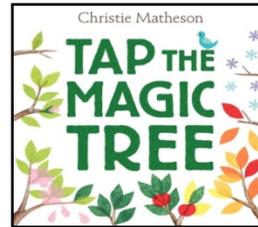
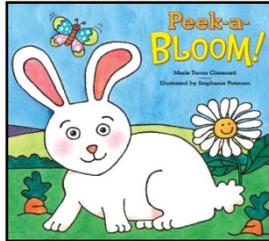
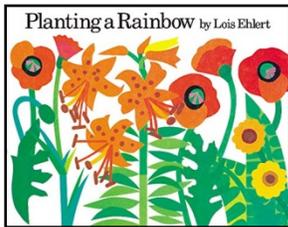


BC SRC 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!

Preschool Program, Theme 2: Explora the Flora

Prepared By: Kate Lowe, Suzy Arbor, Lindsey Krabbenhoft, Gina Gaudet, Julia McKnight, Lisa-Dawn Kilthau, Marianne Huang, Vancouver Public Library

BOOKS



Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt

Peek-a-bloom! By Marie Torres Cimarusti

Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming

What Does Bunny See? By Maggie Smith

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? by Susan Shea

Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson

Tree: A Peek-through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

Picture a Tree by Barbara Reid

Pie in the Sky by Lois Ehlert

There Was a Tree by Rachel Isadora

Stuck by Oliver Jeffers

Leaves by Ezra Stein

A Leaf Can Be by Salas

Dirty Gert by Tedd Arnold

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

A Grand Old Tree by Mary Newell DePalma

The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes

SONGS AND RHYMES

Flower Blooming

(with scarves)

This is a leaf, and this is a leaf.

That, you see, makes two.

This is the bud that holds the flower

Watch it bloom for you

(View on [Jbrary](#))

Little Seed in the Ground

Little seed in the ground

[Crouch down on the floor, hands covering heads.]

Sitting so still

[Stay crouching.]

Little seed, will you sprout?

Yes, I will!

[Jump up.]

Credit: <http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/storytime/gardens/index.html>

Relaxing Flowers

Five little flowers

[Hold up five fingers.]

Standing in the sun

See their heads nodding

[Make fingers nod.]

Bowing, one by one.

[Make fingers bow.]

Down, down, down

Falls the gentle rain,

[Flutter fingers downward.]

And the five little flowers

Lift up their heads again!

[Hold up five fingers.]

Credit: <http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/storytime/gardens/index.html>

The Gardener Plants the Seeds

(to the tune of: The Farmer in the Dell)

The gardener plants the seeds. *(Pretend to put a seed in the ground)*

The gardener plants the seeds.

Heigh-ho, let's watch it grow,

The gardener plants the seeds.

Other verses:

The rain begins to fall... *(move your hands down & wiggle fingers like rain)*

The sun begins to shine... *(open and close hands to form finger "rays")*

The plant begins to grow... *(hands together, move upwards)*

The bud opens up... *(hands, palms together, move palms apart a bit)*

The flower smiles at me... *(big smile)*

Credit: <https://jeninthelibrary.com/2016/04/23/flowers-preschool-storytime/>

Way Up High in the Apple Tree

Way up high in the apple tree (stretch arms up high)
I saw two apples looking at me (hold up two fingers)
I shook that tree as hard as I could (make a shaking motion)
Down came the apples... (make a downward motion)
And mmm, they were good! (smile and rub stomach)
Verses: ask children for different types of food that grow on trees

A Tree is a Home

A tree may be a home for a bird (*flap arms like a bird*)
A tree may be a home for a bee (*buzz hand like a bee*)
A tree may be a home for a snake (*slither like a snake*)
A tree may be a home for a monkey (*swing arms*)
I would if a tree would make a good home for me? (*point to self*)
Credit: <http://www.theholidayzone.com/arbor/songs.html>

Dig A Little Hole

Dig a little hole,
Plant a little seed.
Pour a little water,
Pull a little weed.
Chase a little bug,
Oh, there he goes!
Give a little sunshine,
Smell a little rose!
Credit: Kathy Reid Naiman workshop

Tall Trees

Tall trees (*reach up high*)
Warm fire (*rub hands*)
Strong wind (*sway arms and blow like wind*)
Rushing water (*make waves with hands & swish*)
I feel it in my body (*touch self from head to feet*)
I feel it in my soul (*hug self*)
I feel it in my body (*touch self from head to feet*)
I feel it in my soul (*hug self*)

Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a peapod pressed (hold up 5 fingers then close hand into fist and cover with other hand)
One grew, two grew, and so did all the rest. (stand up thumb, then index finger, then remaining fingers)
They grew and they grew and they did not stop (move two hands gradually apart until full arms are outstretched)
Until one day that peapod popped! (clap on "popped")

FELT STORIES AND SONGS

Out in the Garden

Out in the garden
Growing in the sun
Were 5 pretty flowers
And I picked one!

Out in the garden
Growing in the sun
Were 4 pretty flowers
And I picked one!
(Count down to one)

Credit: <http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/?p=957>



Little Bird, Little Bird, Are you behind the (colour) tree?

<https://sunflowerstorytime.com/2015/11/12/fall-trees-printable/>

<http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/?p=469>



Ten Little Flowers

(Tune: Ten Little Indians)

One little, two little, three little flowers
Four little, five little, six little flowers
Seven little, eight little, nine little flowers
Ten flowers in the garden

Give them rain and lots of sunshine,
Give them rain and lots of sunshine,
Give them rain and lots of sunshine,
So they grow up tall!

Credit: <http://www.literaryhoots.com/2015/03/flower-storytime.html>

<https://sunflowerstorytime.com/2012/04/17/flowers/>

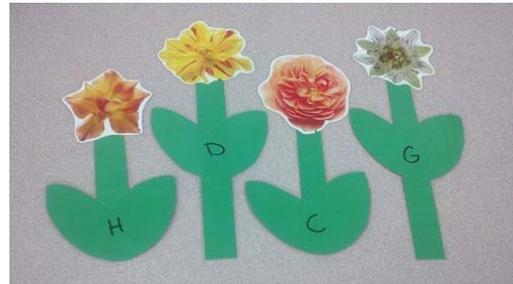


Alphabet Garden

In this matching game, I handed out flowers that each had a letter of the alphabet written on it. I then told the children to find their adults and talk about the letter on their flower. Then I called up each letter one by one and the child who had that letter was able to come up and place the flower on the flannelboard.

Credit:

<https://fallingflannelboards.wordpress.com/2013/04/09/storytime-spring/>



The Green Grass Grows All Around

Credit: <https://missmaryliberry.com/2011/05/20/flannel-friday-the-green-grass-grew-all-around/>



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Credit: <http://lisaslibraryland.blogspot.ca/2014/01/flannel-friday-chicka-chicka-boom-boom.html>



The Great Big Enormous Turnip

The words to this story and the felt story patterns can be found in The Flannel Board Storytelling Book by Judy Sierra.

Credit: <http://storypockets.blogspot.ca/2008/03/tell-story-at-home-its-enormous-turnip.html>



Rainbow Stew

Take an apple, put it in the pot
Stir it, stir it, stir it a lot!
Take it out now. What will it be?
The prettiest red you ever did see!
Take an orange...
Take a banana...
Take a pear...
Take some blueberries...
Take some grapes...
What did we make with our rainbow stew?
A magical rainbow for me and you!



Stir the Soup

Tune: Row, row, row your boat
Stir, stir, stir the soup
Stir it all day long!
Add some (insert vegetable name)
Take a taste (slurrrr!)
Soup will make us strong!



CRAFTS

Colourful Shape Flowers

Cut out different shapes in different colours – you can use construction paper instead of felt. Have kids create their own flowers using the shapes.

Credit: <http://b-inspiredmama.com/felt-shape-flowers-activity/>



Paper Plate Garden

<http://happyhooligans.ca/paper-plate-garden-a-letter-g-craft-for-preschoolers/>



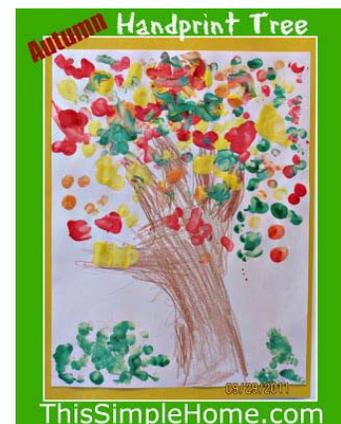
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Letter Trees

<https://storytimekatie.com/2013/09/02/trees/>



Handprint Tree

<http://www.thissimplehome.com/2012/10/autumn-tree-crafts.html>



Make Nature Faces

Credit: <http://happyhooligans.ca/nature-faces/>



Planting Seeds

Provide kids with clear cups, dirt/soil, a seed, and let them decorate their cups.

Credit: <http://missmegsstorytime.com/spring-has-sprung/>



Sticky Table: Parts of a Plant

"Tape contact paper sticky side up on a table. Provide felt pieces and let the kids built their own flowers. This is a great activity for encouraging them to use new words like seed, root, stem, etc. I provided sunflower seeds, yarn for roots, and felt pieces. The sticky table will hold the pieces in place, but you can move them around, pick them up so another kid can do it, etc. "

Credit:

<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/2014/04/preschool-lab-growing-things.html>



Painting with Flowers

Credit:

<http://www.teachpreschool.org/2011/05/painting-with-a-bouquet-of-flowers-in-preschool/>

Nature Colour Wheel

Credit: <http://www.teachpreschool.org/2010/07/natures-color-wheel-in-preschool/>



Build a Garden Math Game

Credit: <http://lifeyourway.net/build-a-garden-math-game/>

