

# Gardening

## P.L.A.Y. Plan

(Purposeful Learning and you!)

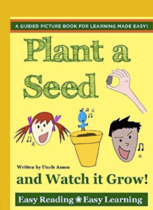
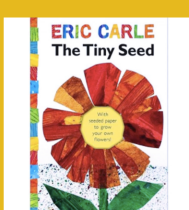
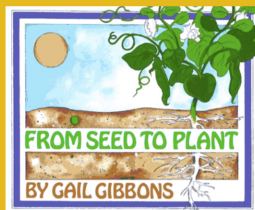
Our Mission: It is our mission to promote learning through play by offering children opportunities to interact with real people and have hands-on interactions with real things.



### Did you know?

There are many types of gardens. Some people create flower gardens, other people plant gardens that yield food. Some people plant gardens to attract butterflies and other creatures; and some create gardens as artwork and play.

### Books to read



# Activities

## Get your hands dirty...



Sensory play: Provide your child with a container than can hold dirt and water. Fill your container with soil. This can be potting soil or soil from your yard. Search your home for items to explore the dirt with. Suggestions: small plastic animals/insects, shovels, scooping containers, a watering can, flowers (fake or real) or any small gardening tools. Spend time with your child scooping, molding and exploring the materials.

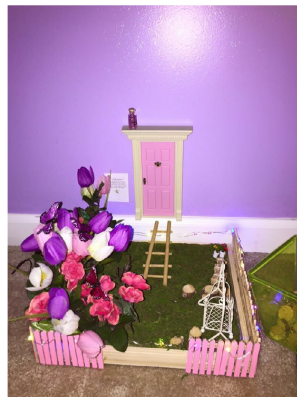
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Planting: If possible, use a clear container to add soil/dirt. Have seeds available to plant. (Bean seeds grown quickly so you can see first hand the parts of the plant and how a seed grows). The clear containers allow you to pick up and view the roots and how they work. Once the plants get large enough you can transfer them to a garden or pot.



## Let's imagine...

Fairy Gardens are fun for the whole family! Allow your imagination to soar. Use materials from home or various craft stores which now carry fairy garden materials. There is no wrong way to create a fairy garden. Your imagination is unlimited! No outdoor area? No worries! You can use materials to create one within your home.



Did you know...The wonder of seeing a garden grow may spark your kids to ask questions like: Why do the plants need sun? How do plants grow? How do the plants grow differently?

## Plants

*Tune: The Farmer in the Dell*

The farmer plants the seeds  
The farmer plants the seeds  
Hi, Ho and Cherry O  
The farmer plants the seeds

### *Other Variations:*

The rain begins to fall  
The sun begins to shine  
The plants begin to grow  
The buds all open up  
The flowers smile at me

