



# Spring into Literacy

## Write

Spring is a wonderful time to practice your little one's fine motor skills! Grab your gardening tools and start gardening. This activity will develop and strengthen your child's hand and wrist muscles, which are very important for writing skills. Here are a few other activity suggestions:

### Vegetable Prints

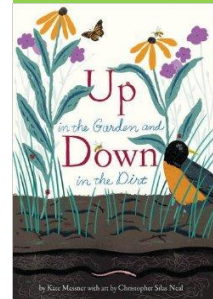
Cut a vegetable in half (potato, carrot, corn on the cob), dip into paint and print on paper. Talk about the different prints and what they look like.

### Seed Sorting

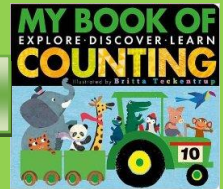
In a vegetable tray, tape down empty seed packets on the outer sections of the tray; tape one seed on the packet as a sample. Then encourage your child to sort, matching the seed with the picture of the vegetable. You can use your fingers or tongs to pick up the seeds. Talk about the different types of seeds; size, shape, colour ...



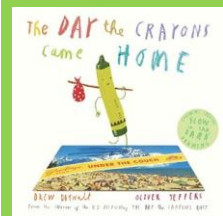
## Fun Reading



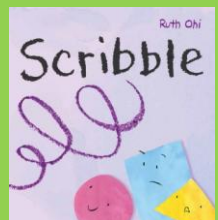
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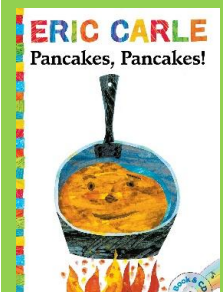
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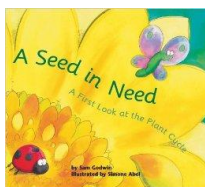
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## Read

A Seed in Need by Sam Godwin, is about a ladybug and a snail, which walks readers through the life cycle of a plant. Bright watercolour pictures make this book very engaging. Encourage your little one to participate by asking questions about the pictures and story.

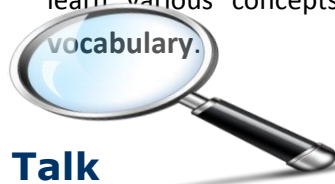
A fun game to play while reading is to each take turns changing the ending of the story!



## Play

I spy with my little eye something green and pink! Welcome the blooming tulips with a fun game of I spy with my little eye!

Don't limit yourself to flowers; spy a variety of shapes, colors, vehicles buildings etc. This game is a fun way for your little one to practice auditory and visual discrimination, to learn various concepts, and to learn new



## Talk

"Think E-I-E-I-O to communicate with your child"

Helping children learn to talk is as easy as E-I-E-I-O. These simple rules are a great way to get children on the right path to healthy speech and language development!

- E**xplore together
- I**mitate and Interpret
- E**xpand and Extend
- I**nclude choices
- O**bserve, Wait and Follow your child's lead

Follow the link for more information

<http://firstwords.ca/talk-by-2-and-beyond/>

## Sing

### SONG/RHYME

#### A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow  
A little soil to make it grow  
A little hole, a little pat,  
A little wish, and that is that.  
A little sun, a little shower.  
A little while-  
And then, a flower!

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