Storytime at Home
In the Garden

The grass has turned green and shoots are rising! Whether or not you plant a garden, celebrate the beauty of nature with these books and activities. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ

(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them.
Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

**Tops & Bottoms** by Janet Stevens ([TumbleBooks](https://tumblebooks.com))

**Planting a Rainbow** by Lois Ehlert ([Scholastic BookFlix](https://www.scholastic.com/bookflix/))

**It Could Still Be a Flower** by Allan Fowler ([Scholastic BookFlix](https://www.scholastic.com/bookflix/))

**The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle ([Scholastic BookFlix](https://www.scholastic.com/bookflix/))

**Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter ([Storyline Online, Brightly Storytime, Overdrive](https://www.storylineonline.net/tale-of-peter-rabbit))

**Curious George Plants a Seed** by H. A. Rey (Overdrive)

**Sophie’s Squash** by Pat Zietlow Miller ([Overdrive](https://www.overdrive.com))

**10 Hungry Rabbits** by Anita Lobel ([Overdrive](https://www.overdrive.com))

WRITE & TALK

Cut the lid off an egg carton, turn it over, and cut slits in each individual bump. Let your child draw some flowers, or print them and color. Glue or tape them to popsicle sticks or pencils. Plant the flowers in each spot so they stand independently. Talk about types of flowers and what plants need to grow.
SING & PLAY

The Gardener Sows His Seeds
(To the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")
The gardener sows his seeds.
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Hi Ho the dairy-o,
The gardener sows his seeds.

—The rain begins to fall...
—The sun begins to shine...
—The seeds begin to grow...
—The plants grow big and tall...
—The gardener picks his beans...
—And children eat their veggies...

The Rain
Pitter-patter raindrops,
falling from the sky.
(fingers falling like rain)

Here is my umbrella
To keep me safe and dry.
(arms over head)

When the rain is over
And the sun begins to glow,
(make circle and move up until overhead)

Little flowers start to bud
And grow & grow & grow.
(move fingers up like flowers growing)

Five Fat Peas
Five fat peas in a peapod pressed.
(show five fingers, then fold them and cover with other hand)
One grew, two grew, so did all the rest.
(pop out one finger, then two, then all five)
They grew and they grew and they wouldn't stop.
(indicate a bigger and bigger size with your hands)
They grew and grew until they popped.
(clap on popped)

There’s Something in My Garden
There’s something in my garden, now what can it be?
There’s something in my garden that I can’t really see.
Hear its funny sound…__________.
A __________ is what I found!
(Fill in the blanks with different sounds and their corresponding animals. Tweet/bird, bzzz/bee, ribbit/frog, squeak/mouse, hiss/snake, etc.)