

CreationStation goes green

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day

A SIGNATURE SERVICE OF **RNL** Read for Literacy

As part of **Creation Station Goes Green**, your child planted a flower today with the Maumee Garden Club. We also are providing the book **Little Critter-A Green Green Garden by Mercer Mayer** at the end of your journey through Creation Station. To repeat this gardening activity at home we would like you to have this activity sheet! Have fun with reading and science.

Enjoy reading together!

What you NEED:

The book: *Little Critter-A Green, Green Garden* by Mercer Mayer

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Glass with water in it
- An empty paper cup
- A small flower or seed
- A small amount of dirt

WHAT TO DO:

READ the book together. Your child can read the book to you. You can **ASK** questions as your child reads. Encourage your child to **RETELL** you what they learned about gardening as they read.

Sample Questions

- What does gardening mean?
- How does a plant grow?
- What would you do to take care of a plant?
- What kinds of plants do you see growing in the neighborhood?
- Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? What happened?
- If you could plant anything, what would you like to plant in a garden?

Vocabulary words: plow, garden, clumps of grass, weeding

Try some EXPERIMENTS WITH GARDENING: INVESTIGATE & OBSERVE

- Try to repeat planting the seed or flower in a cup.
 1. Place dirt in the cup. In the center of the dirt, press down using your thumb to make a small hole.
 2. Place the seed or the root of the flower in this hole.
 3. Gently pat dirt over the top of the seed or around the flower so all of the roots are covered.
 4. Water once a day and provide some sunlight.
 5. Watch the plant grow!

TRY IT! HAVE FUN!

INVESTIGATE OTHER BOOK TITLES THAT YOU CAN READ:

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library and the school library are great places to borrow books, videos and games for at home use. Some other books related to gardening are:

1. *The Sustainable Vegetable Garden* by John Jeavons.
2. *Ready, Set, Grow! A Kid's Guide to Gardening* by Rebecca Spohn
3. *Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Elhert
4. Go to www.tinyurl.com/greengreengarden and enjoy listening to a reading of the story of the **Little Critter—A Green, Green Garden**.

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