Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

GARDENS

**BOOKS TO SHARE**

- *We Are the Gardeners* by Joanna Gaines
- *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes
- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
- *A Peaceful Garden* by Lucy London
- *Green Green* by Marie Lamba
- *Dig In!* by Cynthia Jenson-Elliott
- *Secrets of the Vegetable Garden* by Carron Brown
- *Too Many Tomatoes* by Eric Ode
- *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
- *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

- **I Dig, Dig, Dig**
  
  I dig, dig, dig [make a digging motion]
  And I plant some seeds. [make a planting motion]
  I rake, rake, rake [make a raking motion]
  And I pull some weeds. [make a pulling motion]
  I wait and watch [place your hands on your hips]
  And soon I know [point to yourself]
  My garden sprouts [place your hands down low, palms down]
  And starts to grow. [raise your hands toward the ceiling]

- **"A Little Plant"** [action rhyme]
  
  In the heart of a seed [make a fist to represent a seed]
  Buried down so deep,
  A little plant lay fast asleep.

  "Awake," said the sun [circle your arms overhead]
  "Come up through the earth."
  "Awake," said the rain [flutter your fingers downward]
  "We are giving you birth."

  The little plant heard
  With a happy sigh,
  And pointed its petals [open hand and turn up your fingers]
  Up to the sky [Raise your hand up to indicate growth].

**LETTER OF THE DAY**

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**ASL SIGN OF THE DAY**

"Grow"
Five Plump Peas

Five plump peas in a peapod pressed [press two fists together]
One grew, two grew, so did all the rest [let your fingers gradually pop up from your fist]
They grew and they grew and they did not stop [slowly move your hands apart]
Until one day the pod went pop! [bring your hands together with a big clap]

Dig a Little Hole [action rhyme]

Dig a little hole [dig]
Plant a little seed [drop seed]
Pour a little water [pour]
Pull a little weed [pull up and throw away]
Chase a little bug [chasing motion]
Heigh-ho, there he goes! [shade eyes]
Give a little sunshine [make sun]
Grow a little rose [smell flower, eyes closed]

There's Something In My Garden [optional: puppets]

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 . . . [describe animal and/or imitate the noise it makes]
A [NAME OF ANIMAL] is what I found!

"No Roots" by Alice Merton (2018)