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Teacher Read Aloud (Fiction)

<i>Plant a Little Seed</i>	<i>Mrs. Spitzer's Garden</i>	<i>The Gardener</i>	<i>The Tiny Seed</i>
Christensen, Bonnie	Pattou, Edith	Stewart, Sarah	Carle, Eric
Roaring Book Press, 2012	Harcourt Children's Books, 2001	Square Fish, Reissue Edition, 2007	Little Simon, 2009
Two patient young friends plant seeds and watch them grow. The children tend the sprouts and they eventually grow to create a beautiful garden. The story follows the seeds as they sprout, grow, flower and mature.	Mrs. Spitzer is a kindergarten teacher whose principal gives her a packet of seeds at the end of each summer. Mrs. Spitzer works diligently tending her garden and making sure her flowers grow, while all the while doing the same for her kindergarten children.	When Lydia Grace Finch goes to stay with her Uncle Jim, who lives in a big city, she takes a suitcase full of seeds with her. Lydia brightens her uncle's bakery and brings smiles to the faces of his customers with the flowers she grows.	This book helps children see and understand the life cycle of a flower seed. It follows seeds as they burst forth and face the elements and perils of nature. Against the odds, some of the seeds survive and grow into flowers whose seeds burst forth, continuing the cycle.
<i>Bully Bean (Lima Bean Series)</i>	<i>One Watermelon Seed</i>	<i>Plant a Kiss</i>	<i>Zinnia's Flower Garden</i>
Weck, Thomas	Lottridge, Celia	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	Wellington, Monica
Lima Bear Press, 2013	Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012	Harper Collins, 2011	Perfection Learning Corporation, 2007
Children learn they should treat everyone with kindness, not just those who are kind to them. Bully Bean makes fun of the other beans and plays mean tricks on them. They are the ones who eventually come to Bully's rescue.	This is a counting book that incorporates gardening and colors. The fruits and vegetables produced by the plants the children grow, become so numerous that they have to eventually be counted by tens.	Little Miss plants, and then carefully tends a kiss. When the kiss sprouts and grows, Little Miss decides to share the harvest with the world. Children learn valuable lessons about kindness and generosity, and most importantly that every person is capable of bringing about positive change.	Zinnia plants her spring flower garden and carefully tends it, watering and weeding. She waits patiently for the seeds to sprout, and finally they do. The story is fun and informative. Children enjoy watching Zinnia's garden grow.

Teacher Read Aloud (Nonfiction)

<i>Plants Are Living Things</i>	<i>Is It Living or Nonliving?</i>	<i>Are you Living?: A Song About Living Things</i>	<i>Seeds - World of Plants</i>
Kalman, Bobbie	Rissman, Rebecca	Salas, Laura Purdie	Farndon, John
Crabtree Pub. Co., 2007	Heinemann-Raintree, 2009	Picture Window Books, 2009	Blackbirch Press, 2006
This book introduces living things and explains their needs. It tells what characteristics make plants living things, and why people need them.	Children are introduced to the characteristics of living and nonliving things. The book also teaches children the questions to ask in order to determine whether something is living or nonliving.	The basic scientific concept of living is first outlined and then words are set to a familiar melody, creating a song that explains characteristics of living and nonliving things.	Children learn that most plants begin as seeds. The book examines types of seeds and their germination, discusses the way seeds are spread, and their role in the diets of animals and humans.
<i>"Photosynthesis: Changing Sunlight Into Food"</i>	<i>This Is the Sunflower</i>	<i>I am a Living Thing</i>	<i>Plant and Animal Partners</i>
Kalman, Bobbie	Schadfer, Lola M.	Kalman, Bobbie	Lunis, Natalie
Crabtree Publishing Co, 2008	Greenwillow Books, 2000	Crabtree Publishing Co, 2007	Benchmark Education Co, 2010
Complex information is explained in a logical way. This book examines photosynthesis; it outlines how plants use the sun and carbon dioxide, to make food and give us oxygen.	This book explains the life cycle of a sunflower and the interaction of a sunflower plant with birds and the weather. Through cumulative verse children learn how a sunflower blossoms and grows, and how its seeds are spread.	Children learn what makes human beings living things and what we need to survive. They also learn about the many similarities human beings share with plants and animals.	This book describes the partnership many plants and animals share, and how partners must work together in order to survive.

Professional Development

Beck, Isabel, McKeown, Margaret, and Kucan, Linda, *Bringing Words to Life: Robust Vocabulary Instruction*. Guilford Press, 2002, ISBN 1572307536 or 978-1572307537