

Preschool Storytime

Date: April 8, 2019

Theme: Gardening

Skill: Narrative Skills

Plan	Comments
Opening Song: <i>Shake Your Sillies Out</i>	
Letter of the Day: G, g	The letter “G” has two sounds – “guh” and “juh”. What are some words that you know that begin with G?
Introduce theme: Gardening	Gardening with children is a great way for them to learn new words and tell you about what they are learning. Talking about different vegetables and working in the garden helps children develop narrative skills.
Book 1: “Flora’s Surprise!” by Debi Gliori	Flora is a little bunny who wants to work in the garden like her big brothers and sisters. Let’s see what happens when she plants something unexpected.
Song: <i>Farmer Brown Had Five Green Apples</i>	Singing songs like this follow a logical progression of events – five, four, three apples, etc. – which can help young children understand sequencing, an important part of narrative skills.
Book 2: “Up, Down, and Around” by Katherine Ayres	Reading books with lots of repetition helps children understand the rhythm of a story.
Song: <i>Up and Down and Around</i> by Johnette Downing	This is a great song for scarves, or we can use shakers, ribbons, or just pretend.
Flannel Story: Vegetable Garden Rhyme with planter pot	Have children help retell the rhyme and plant the vegetables. Playing

	games like this helps children recall and retell stories – an important part of narrative skills
Book 3: “Mrs. McNosh and the Great Big Squash” by Sarah Weeks	
Fingerplay: A Little Seed	This song and fingerplay illustrates the sequence of planting a seed and waiting for it to become a flower – sequencing is a great way for kids to develop narrative skills.
Closing Song: <i>The More We Get Together</i>	
Closing Comment:	Today we read books about gardening and gave children the chance to retell stories, talk about what they know or have learned, and practice sequencing. These are all great ways to help children learn narrative skills.
Extension Activity: Drawing your own garden	Giving kids a chance to draw about the things they learned in storytime helps them better understand some of the concepts introduced. Drawing is also a precursor to writing and helps develop fine motor skills.
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Extra Books:

“In My Garden” by Ward Schumaker

“Growing Vegetable Soup” by Lois Ehlert

“Planting a Rainbow” by Lois Ehlert

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