

Plants Theme

Phonological Awareness (Listening)



The Gardener Knows His Sounds

Vocabulary: names of gardening tools such as gloves, spade, rake, watering can, hoe, trowel, seeds, soil

Materials

- Box or watering can
- Gardening tools- Examples of gardening tools may include gardening gloves, a small spade, a small rake, a watering can, large seeds (lima beans), a Ziploc with potting soil, etc.

Preparation: Bring in a mystery box or watering can filled with different tools that a Gardener might use (You may have already been using these objects in your plant theme).

Procedure

- Give each child the opportunity to select a garden tool/object.
- Name each garden object one by one.
- After reviewing the object names, tell the children to imagine what kind of noise a particular gardening object would make if it was dropped.
- Now, have the children sit with their eyes closed and lay their heads on their crossed arms resting on their propped up bent knees.
- Tell them to remain very still and quiet as you drop a gardening object.
- Have them guess what gardening object made that sound. As soon as someone guesses correctly, congratulate “the Gardener” who was able to identify the gardening tool by the sound that it made when it dropped.
- Repeat the process.

Supplemental Activities