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Suggested Resources & Activities

Unit 9: May/June

Theme: Growing and Changing (Plants, Life Cycle, Changes in Me)

Field Trip: B.B. Farms

Word Wall Suggestions (Not Tested)

| • Flower          | • Sprout         | • Bloom         |
| • Stem           | • Grow           | • Bud           |
| • Leaf           | • Dig            | • Fertilizer    |
| • Soil           | • Sun            | • Watering Can  |
| • Seeds          | • Rain           | • Roots         |
| • Life Cycle     | • Garden         | • Weeds         |
| • Butterfly      | • Pot            | • Tall          |
| • Caterpillar    | • Egg            | • Short         |
| • Tree Trunk     | • Cocoon         | • Metamorphosis |
| • Dirt           | (Chrysalis)      | • Photosynthesis|

Weekly Review

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Circle Time Activities

- Sort the students by height. Have the students look at who is shorter/taller/etc.
- Retell the story for “A Very Hungry Caterpillar” using felt items.
- Show the students plants and discuss the different parts.
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- ENO Board Activities
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kx8vJBR_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kx8vJBR_s)
  - [https://jr.brainpop.com/science/plants/partsofaplant/](https://jr.brainpop.com/science/plants/partsofaplant/)
  - [https://jr.brainpop.com/science/plants/plantlifecycle/](https://jr.brainpop.com/science/plants/plantlifecycle/)

Motor Break Activities

- Model motor break activities (i.e., Drive Through Menu, Lizard Yoga)
- GoNoodle.com

**Center Time**

**Dramatic Play**


- Lab coat
- Stethoscope
- Tongue deepers
- Blood pressure
- Measure Height/Weight
- Thermometer
- Flashlight
- Patient info sheet
- Needles
- Band-aids
- Stickers
- Eye Chart

**Flower Shop**

- Plastic garden tools
- Watering Can
- Fake Flowers
- Real seeds, dirt, soil
- Plastic vases
- Aprons
- Order Forms/Delivery Forms
- Message Cards
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**ELA Activities**
- Tactile Letters (i.e., shaving cream, sandpaper, hair gel in a bag) – have students trace and write letters introduced
- Pattern block letter templates – students use pattern blocks to create letters introduced
- Bingo dot painter templates – students use dot painters to paint letters introduced
- Sensory bin treasure hunt – students find magnetic letters in sensory bin
- Letter maze – students use bingo dot markers to search for upper and lowercase letters
- Upper and lower case letter crafts – turn letters into common objects and animals (i.e., g is for giraffe)
- Matching – students match upper and lowercase letters
- Spell name using magnetic letters and name card
- Tracing/writing first name using different tools (crayons, pencil, finger on sand, etc.)
- Make letters with blocks used in center (provide model)
- Make letters using student body parts

**Numeracy Activities**
- Color Sort – Students sort pictures and objects by color (i.e., what is red/what is not red)
- Shape Sort – Students sort pictures by shape (i.e., what is a circle, what is not a circle)
- Base Ten Manipulative Counters – Students match manipulatives (bears, creepy crawlies, dinosaurs)

***Sequence Life Cycle (plants/animals) – using pictures.***
***Sort Seeds***
***Graph students by height***

**Thematic/Other**
- Dye White Carnations – use food coloring to show the students how flowers change colors and they learn the process of planting.
- Caterpillar Kit – students watch the life cycle of the butterfly
- Sensory table – plant different items (beans, plants, etc) with dirt and water and water them grow.
- Kindergarten visit
- Seed journals – plant and take observations

**Story Time**

**Growing and Changing**
- *From Seed to Plant* - Gail Gibbins
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### Math
- **Planting a Rainbow** – Lois Ehlert
- **Now I’m Big** – M. Miller
- **Growing Patterns** – Sarah C. Campbell
- **From the Garden: A Counting Book about Growing Food** – Michael Dans

### ELA
- **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten** – Joseph Slate
- **It’s Hard to be Five** – Jamie Lee Curtis
- **Oh, The Places You’ll Go** – Dr. Seuss
- **I’m Growing** – Aliki
- **See How We Grow** – Katacha Diaz
- **The Night Before Kindergarten** – Natasha Wing