



Let's Get Gardening is a great introduction for beginning gardeners. Learn about different types of plants, their parts and what types of environments they need to thrive and grow. You will also learn the difference between a pollinator and a garden pest.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story* is about? Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings.

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Key Words

pollinator – an insect or animal that carries pollen from one plant to another

carnivorous plants – a plant that catches and eats insects

propagation – growing new plants from parts of a plant, such as leaves

germination – when seeds sprout and begin to grow

compost – a rich mixture of decayed plants that is added back into the soil

eco-friendly – any activity that minimizes the impact on the environment and helps, rather than harms, nature

- After:**
- What are some different types of soil?
 - What are some basic needs of plants?
 - Plants take in carbon dioxide gas (CO₂) from the air and water from the soil, then use sunlight to convert them into what?
 - What types of plants would you include in a kitchen garden? Which would you plant in a raised bed? Which plants might need stakes?
 - What kind of animals might live in your garden habitat?
 - What types of plants would you include in your garden that will attract bees and butterflies? Why would you want to attract them to your garden?

DO

Research! Check out these fun and helpful videos to learn about seeds, plants and gardening and why worms are so beneficial to gardens.

Check out this fun information packed video of plants grow:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkFPyue5X3Q>

Watch all the ways worms work in the garden:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zc_1vjLnl&list=PLw2cuKNQvZ2cIlaEHpL3Oysw_mvfnh7iP&index=2

