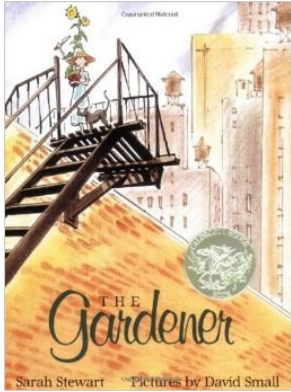


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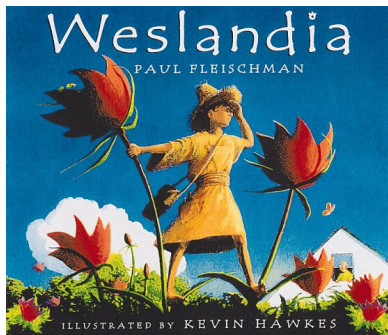
*IL & RL from publishers



The Gardener

by Sarah Stewart, c1997 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"A series of letters relating what happens when, after her father loses his job, Lydia Grace goes to live with her Uncle Jim in the city but takes her love for gardening with her." - Follett



Weslandia

by Paul Fleischman, c2002

"Wesley's garden produces a crop of huge, strange plants which provide him with clothing, shelter, food, and drink, thus helping him create his own civilization and changing his life." - Follett



Pumpkin, Pumpkin

by Jeanne Titherington, c1986 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"Jamie plants a pumpkin seed and, after watching it grow into a very large pumpkin, he carves it and saves some seeds to plant in the spring." - Follett

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert



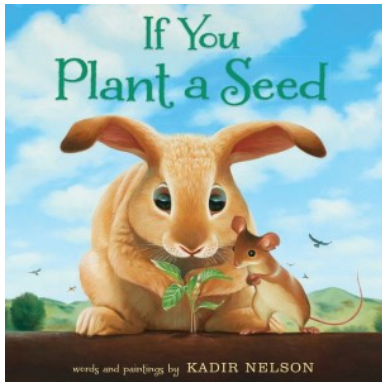
Planting a Rainbow

by Lois Ehlert, c1988 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden. Helps children to understand how to plant bulbs, seeds, and seedlings, and nurture their growth." - Follett

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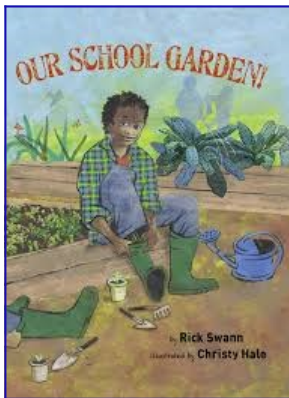
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If You Plant a Seed

by Kadir Nelson, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

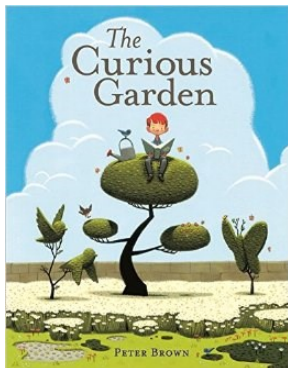
"While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn of the value of kindness." - Follett



Our School Garden

by Rick Swann, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

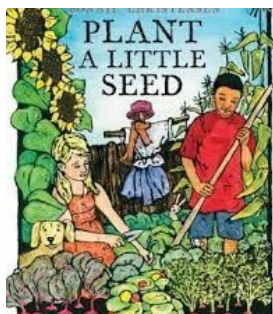
"A story about children working in the school garden that teaches facts about the growth cycle, gardening, food supply, and working together." - Follett



The Curious Garden

by Peter Brown, c2009 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.4)

"While out exploring one day, a little boy named Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes the garden spreads throughout the dark, gray city, transforming it into a lush, green world." - Follett



Plant a Little Seed

by Bonnie Christensen, c2012

"With a little help from a watering can, bright sunlight, and a lot of patience, two friends plant seeds in their community garden and watch how they grow." - Follett

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A Gardener's Alphabet

by Mary Azarian, c2000 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

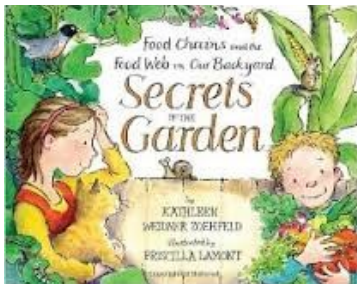
"With her signature woodblock prints, the Caldecott medalist Mary Azarian invites readers into her own garden to discover its simple joys. Revealing the variety of life underground, the bright comfort of a greenhouse on a winter's day, or the anticipation of starting seeds indoors in early spring..." - Pub.



Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth

by Mary McKenna Siddals, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.8)

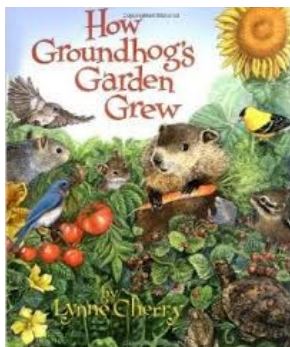
"Kids everywhere are knowledgeable about the environment and climate change. Not only is composting becoming more common in households and residential gardens, but many school gardens feature compost piles too. But how do you start a compost pile?" - Pub.



Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web in Our Backyard

by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, c2012 (IL: 3-6)

"Alice's family plants a vegetable garden each spring, and this budding naturalist reports all she sees about how the plants grow, what insects come to eat the plants, and what birds and animals come to earth the insects..." - Pub.



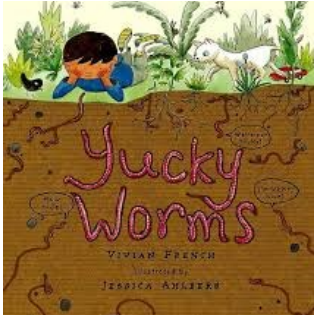
How Groundhog's Garden Grew

by Lynne Cherry, c2003

"When hungry Little Groundhog tries to eat some vegetables out of Squirrel's garden, kind Squirrel takes him under his proverbial wing and show him how to plant his own veggies... This charming story teaches children about the interplay among all living things, and the good feeling that comes with community participation..." - Pub.

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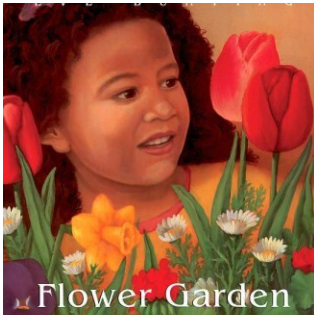
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Yucky Worms

by Vivian French, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.1)

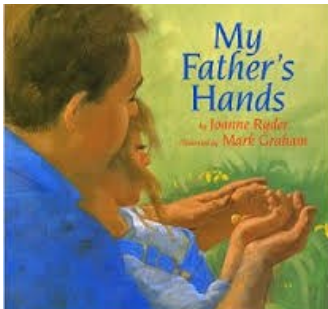
"Who would want to be friends with a wiggly, slimy worm? You can't even tell which end is which! But there's more to these lowly creatures than meets the eye. Kids are invited to find out where worms live, see how they move, and understand why gardeners consider them friends with the help of this humorous and informative look at an unappreciated—and fascinating—creature." - Pub.



Flower Garden

by Eve Bunting, c1994 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"Follow the progress of a little girl and her father as they purchase a garden, and board the bus to carry it home. The pansies, tulips, daffodils, geraniums, and daisies are lovingly planted in a window box, and the candles on the cake are lighted - just as Mom walks in the door to find her daughter, her husband, and her birthday surprise." - Pub.



My Father's Hands

by Joanne Ryder, c1994 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

"A father makes a green and growing place and finds among the shadows of bushes and flowers hidden treasures. Cupping them in his earth-stained hands, he calls his daughter to come and share his discovery." - Follett



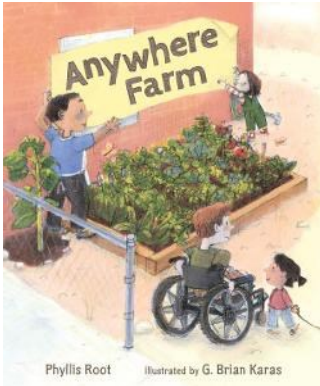
Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!

by Candace Fleming, c2002 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Tippy, tippy, tippy, Pat! That's the sound three hungry bunnies make when the sun goes down and the moon comes up and Mr. McGreely's garden smells yum, yum, yummy. While he's dreaming of his mouth-watering carrots, the bunnies are diving over fences and swimming trenches to get the veggies first!" - Pub.

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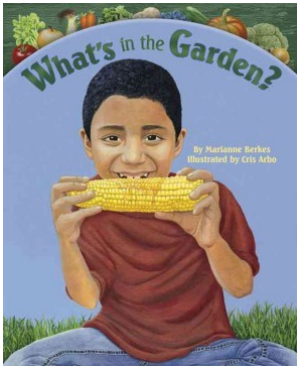
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Anywhere Farm

by Phyllis Root, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"You might think a farm means fields, tractors, and a barnyard full of animals. But you can plant a farm anywhere you like! A box or a bucket, a boot or a pan—almost anything can be turned into a home for green, growing things. Windows, balconies, and front steps all make wonderful spots to start. Who knows what plants you may choose to grow and who will come to see your new garden? Phyllis Root delivers a modern rhyming mantra for anyone hoping to put their green thumbs to good use ..."
- Pub.



What's In the Garden

by Marianne Berkes, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.8)

"Good food doesn't begin on a store shelf with a box. It comes from a garden bursting with life, colour, sounds, smells, sunshine, moisture, birds, and bees Healthy food becomes much more interesting when children know where they come from..." Pub.



Just a Worm

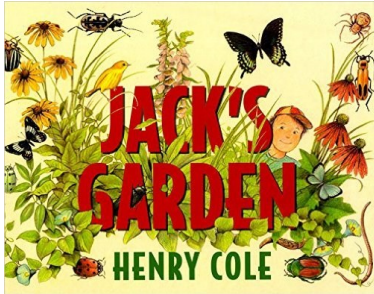
By Marie Boyd, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: ?)

"Worm isn't "just a worm," no matter what anyone says. Worm is special! Right? Worm sets out across the garden to prove it, interviewing one garden inhabitant after another. Butterfly seems to have all kinds of important qualities--as do Snail, Dragonfly, Ladybug, and Spider. But what can Worm do? What makes Worm special? Maybe Worm is just a worm after all . . . and what's so bad about that!?" - Pub.

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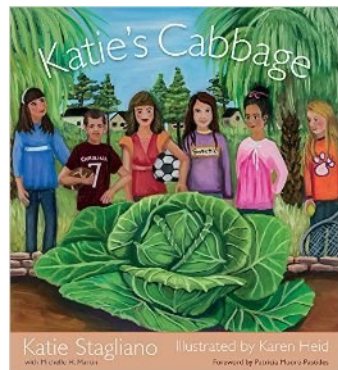
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Jack's Garden

by Henry Cole, c1995 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

"Come to the garden that Jack planted. You will see seeds and seedlings, buds and leaves. You will meet birds and bugs and butterflies. And best of all, you will watch the garden bloom. Cumulative text and illustrations depict what happens in Jack's garden after he plants his seeds." - Pub.



Katie's Cabbage

by Katie Stagliano, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

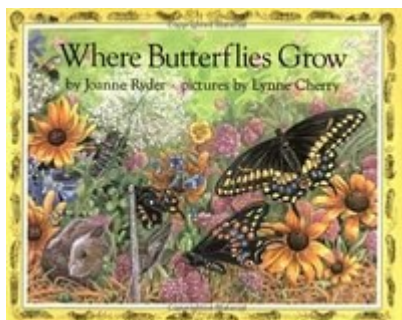
"Describes the real life story of Katie Stagliano's aspirations to end world hunger by starting her own vegetable farm, eventually raising a forty-pound cabbage and donating it to a local soup kitchen." - Pub.



Planting the Wild Garden

by Kathryn O. Galbraith, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"A farmer and her son plant vegetables in their garden, and the wind carries a few seeds away. Birds and animals may carry some seeds along with them on their travels....Looks at how wind and water, birds and animals, plants and people work together unaware to create a wild meadow garden." - Pub.



Where Butterflies Grow

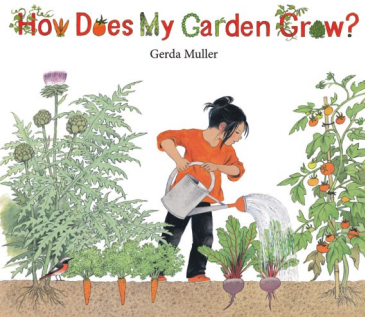
by Joanne Ryder, c1989 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Imagine yourself as a butterfly egg, then a caterpillar, then a butterfly, as you explore the plants around you. Watch out for birds and other living creatures." - Pub.

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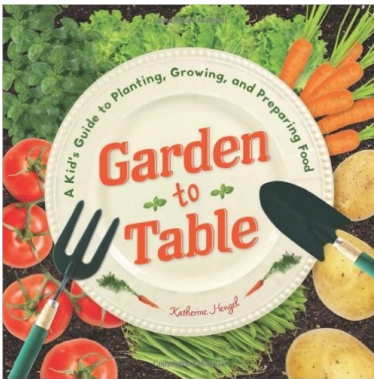
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How Does My Garden Grow?

by Gerda Muller, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

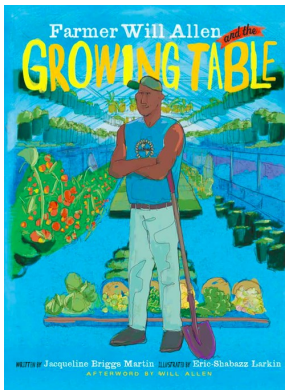
"Sophie, a city girl who buys her vegetables at the market, learns all about gardening during a summer visit to her grandparents' home in the city." - Follett



Garden to Table: A Kid's Guide to Planting, Growing, and Preparing Food

by Katherine Hengel, c2014

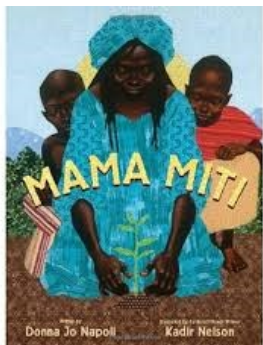
"Provides advice on planting and growing basil, carrots, green beans, leaf lettuce, potatoes, and tomatoes. Provides over thirty recipes using those crops as ingredients." - Follett



Farmer Will and the Growing Table

by Jacqueline Martin, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.2)

"Follows the life of urban farmer Will Allen, who grew up on a dairy farm and had a career in professional basketball, but decided to return to growing food in Milwaukee." - Follett



Mama Miti

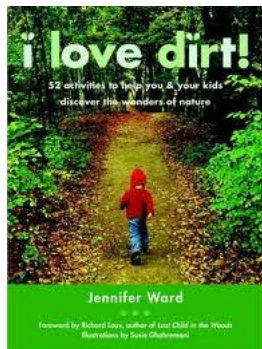
by Donna Jo Napoli, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"Wangari Maathai, known as Mama Miti, mother of trees, shares her wisdom with other women by advising them to plant trees native to Kenya to solve their many problems." - Follett

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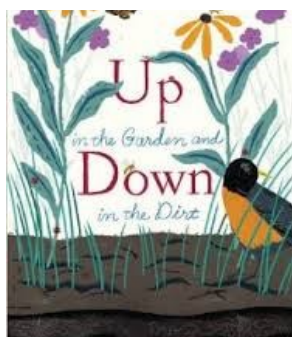


I Love Dirt! 52 Activities to Help You & Your Kids Discover the Wonders of Nature

by Jennifer Ward, c2008 (IL: AD)

"Describes fifty-two open-ended activities designed to engage children in playing and learning outdoors, and includes asides that provide explanations of basic science and nature concepts; grouped by season."

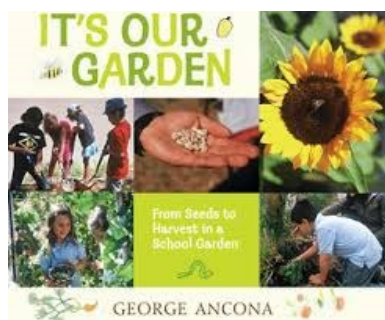
- Follett



Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

by Kate Messner, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.5)

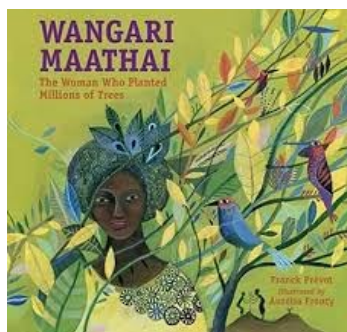
"The world is full of green—leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt there is a busy world of earthworms digging, snakes hunting, skunks burrowing, and all the other animals that make a garden their home." - Pub.



It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden

by George Ancona, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.1)

"At an elementary school in Santa Fe, the bell rings for recess and kids fly out the door to check what's happening in their garden. As the seasons turn, everyone has a part to play in making the garden flourish." - Follett



Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees

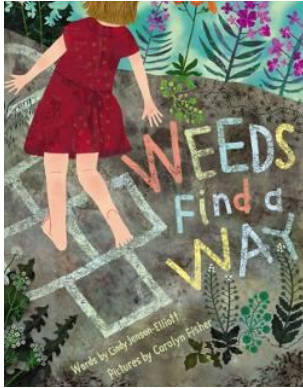
by Franck Prévot, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.7)

"Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts to lead women in a nonviolent struggle to bring peace and democracy to Africa through its reforestation. Her organization planted over thirty million trees in thirty years." - Pub.

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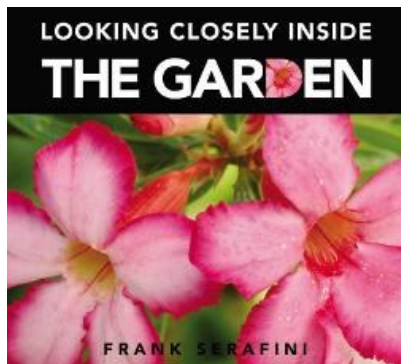
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Weeds Find a Way

by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.7)

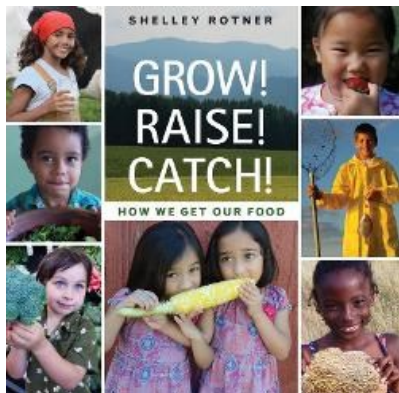
"From bright yellow dandelions popping through cracks in sidewalks to purple loosestrife growing rampant along roadways, weeds offer unexpected splashes of color and life to the least likely of places. With lovely language and a sly sense of humor, this beautiful picture book celebrates the tenaciousness..." *Pub.*



Looking Closely Inside the Garden

by Frank Serafini, c2008

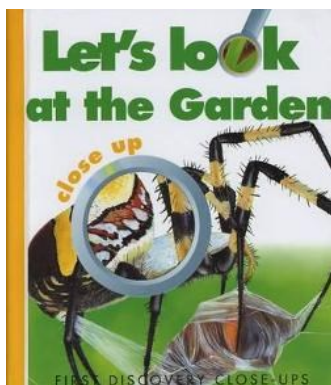
"Look closely. Look very closely. Is it ... a stained-glass window? A jigsaw puzzle? Give up? Just turn the page and, lo and behold, it's a monarch butterfly. See what looks like a pair of chopsticks revealed as a mormon cricket, a sponge as a strawberry, and many more surprises when you look closely into the garden. The Looking Closely series takes children on a journey of discovery through four environments --- the forest, the shore, the desert and the garden." - *Pub.*



Grow! Raise! Catch! How We Get Our Food

by Shelley Rotner, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Who grows our juicy fruits and yummy vegetables? Who raises animals for our tasty eggs, milk and meat? Who catches fresh fish for our table? Farmers and fishermen show off their bounty in this lively look at the people who produce the food on which we all rely." - *Pub.*



Let's Look at the Garden

by Caroline Allaire, c2003 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.6)

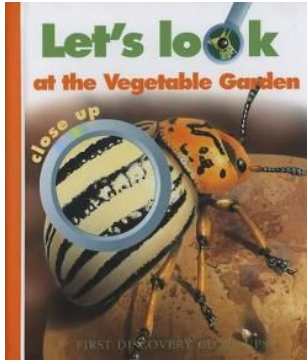
Series: *First Discovery Close Up*

"Each book comes with a press-out "magnifying glass" of sturdy paper which when moved between the book's see-through acetate pages and the black pages beneath, brightens and reveals hidden details of the various topics—for example: the hummingbird in the rainforest. Children are allowed to discover more about animal life in various habitats by exploring the stunning illustrations in the dark pages of the book, with accompanying text giving scientific detail." - *Follett*

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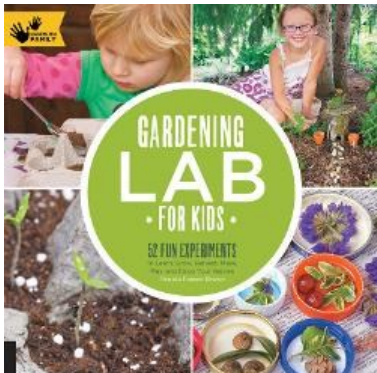


Let's Look at the Vegetable Garden

by Caroline Allaire, c2005 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.8)

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Gardening Lab For Kids: 52 Fun Experiments to Learn, Grow, Harvest, Make, Play and Enjoy Your Garden

by Renata Brown, c2014 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.3-6.5)

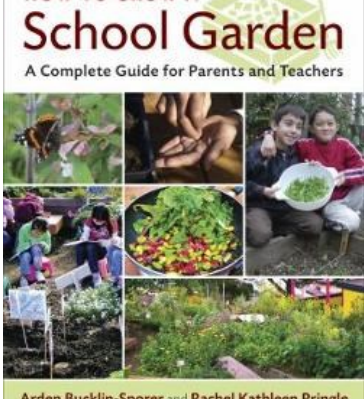
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"Introduces children to playful art, science, gardening and music projects. Children of all ages and experience levels can enjoy these engaging, adult-guided exercises, many with suggestions for getting "Little Hands" involved." - Follett.

Titles: *Garden Art...*, *Green Gardening...*, *Starting a Garden...*, *Theme Gardening...*

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How to Grow a School Garden: A complete Guide for Parents and Teachers

by Arden Bucklin-Sporer, c2010 (IL: AD)

"A school garden is a tremendously valuable tool to help young people turn book knowledge into real experience. This book is a must-have resource for anyone considering embarking on a youth gardening adventure." - *Pub.*