

Welcome to a Day at the Garden!

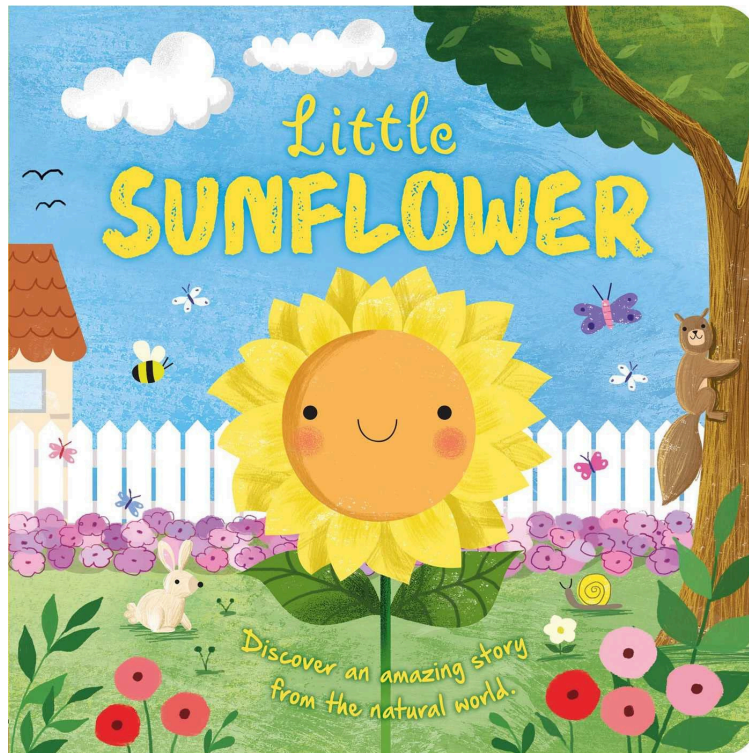
Introduction

Spend a day at the garden with PRC-Salttillo! We have planned a day packed with engaging activities to grow communication and language skills. The activities are quick and simple to implement from the comforts of home. Today's agenda includes a shared reading activity, game, cooking activity, craft, and writing activity.

Activities can be adapted to meet the unique skills and needs of your communicator to optimize access, engagement, and learning. Suggested core words to target during the activities are provided, or come up with your own target core words that best meet your communicator's language skills and goals.

Let's go to the garden!

Read



Title: Little Sunflower
Author: Igloo Books
Illustrator: Gina Maldonado

Learn about the cycle of growth, pollination, and regrowth through this little sunflower.

A read-aloud video for today's book is available at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xFACuwAupk>



Target Words

Suggested words to teach and model today are listed below. Feel free to add to this list! Download smart charts showing the symbol sequences for some of our vocabularies or make your own using our free software or the Smart Chart Generator with your AAC Language Lab subscription.

As you read:

For emergent literacy learners: Make a comment, ask a question, and respond to your communicator.

For conventional literacy learners: Choose a few letters to look for in the text, look for words in the text with similar word endings (-at, -it, -ake, etc.), make new words by adding a different beginning sound to one of the word endings.

- grow
- big
- up/down
- seeds
- flower



Play

It's fun to practice our target words while playing.
Today, we are playing Grow Sunflowers.

How To Play:

1. Print out the game board.
2. Gather pawns for markers. Use different colored bingo chips, pieces from other game sets, or any other small items. Each player needs one pawn.
3. Place pawns on the START square. Roll the die to see who goes first. The highest number goes first, with next highest number going second, and so forth.
4. Players take turns rolling the die and moving their pawns around the board. Watch out for danger! If you forget to water your flowers or get bugs in your garden, you may lose a turn. If you water your flowers and see butterflies, you get to move ahead.
5. The winner is the first person to reach the sunflower garden.
6. Model today's target words on the communicator's AAC system as you play the game.

Game materials can be found in the supplemental packet.



Cook

Let's Cook Dirt Pudding Cups!

We can use our target words for today as we enjoy cooking a tasty treat.

Recipe

Ingredients:

- Plastic cups
- Chocolate pudding cups
- Gummy worms
- Chocolate sandwich cookies
- Food processor, blender, or heavy-duty sealable plastic bag and rolling pin or large canned food item



Directions:

1. Crush chocolate sandwich cookies. Use a food processor, blender, or place in a heavy-duty sealed plastic bag and roll a rolling pin or the side of a large canned food item (corn, beans) over the cookies in the bag. This is your “dirt”.
2. Add some “dirt” to a plastic cup. Then, add pudding. Top with more “dirt”.
3. Add gummy worms to your “dirt”.
4. Eat and enjoy!



Craft

Let's Make Something!

Today we'll be growing grass. Use today's target words as you make decisions about your project.

You Need:

- Plastic cup or container
- Potting soil
- Small shovel, scoop, or spoon
- Grass seeds
- Water - a spray bottle is recommended
- Craft stick and marker



Directions:

1. Fill each cup/container with potting soil.
2. Sprinkle grass seeds into the cup. The more seeds, the more grass will grow.
3. Add a craft stick with the communicator's name to the container. This not only identifies the communicator's project, but also can be used to mark the height of the grass as it grows.
4. Water the seeds. A spray bottle can reduce over-watering and spilling. Water daily. Keep the soil moist but do not let water collect on the surface.
5. Check on seeds daily to see new growth.
6. Model today's target words on the AAC system.

Grow your own grass to make a garden.



Write

Let's Write About It!



WRITING



We had a lot of fun doing the activities in the garden. We can write about it to share with others.

Use the writing template in the supplemental packet to write about your day at the garden.

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What Do I Think Will Happen? 	What I See Day 1 	What I See Day 5
What Did Happen? 	Why Do I Think This Happened? 	

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