Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn

Another adorable volume in the Lola series. In this book, Lola is inspired by her favorite nursery rhyme (Mary, Mary Quite Contrary) and, with the help of her mother, plants her very own flower garden. This is a nice book for modeling the planting and growing of a garden from start to finish. The lovely illustrations suit the story beautifully. We love Lola! Preschool.

Other fun books about Flowers:

Flowers by Rebecca Stromstad Glaser—The beautiful photographs in this book show the many flowers one might see on a walk and names the parts of the flowers and their purpose. Preschool.

One Little Seed by Elaine Greenstein—A very simple, yet beautiful book about sunflowers growing from seed to flower. Infants and Toddlers.

That’s Not a Daffodil! by Elizabeth Honey—A young boy is given a bulb by his kind neighbor who encourages patience while waiting to see what the bulb will grow into. Preschool and young school-age.


Way to Grow! Gardening: Flowers by Rebecca Pettiford—This book is an excellent overview of planting and growing flowers. The bright and vibrant photographs perfectly suit the informative text. Preschool and young school-age.

Exploring Flowers by Kristin Sterling—An excellent and very simple, first look at flowers. All ages.

Rhyme of the Month

Five Little Flowers

Five little flowers standing in the sun
(hold up 5 fingers)
See their heads nodding, bowing, one by one
(make fingers nod and bow)
Down down down, falls the gentle rain
(flutter fingers downward)
And the five little flowers lift up their heads again
(hold up five fingers)

Poem of the Month

Mary, Mary

Mary, Mary quite contrary
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells
And pretty maids all in a row

Mother Goose

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Flower pressing:

Pick fresh flowers (flowering weeds are fine for this activity!)

- Place 3 sheets of tissue paper in a Dictionary, Phone Book or other large, heavy book.
- Place an assortment of flowers onto the sheet.
- Fold the sheets over the flowers so they are covered with the tissue paper on both sides.
- Close the book, weighing it down with other heavy items
- Place on a shelf and leave for at least 3 weeks. (4 weeks is ideal!)
- Open the books and talk together about what you discover. Use the flowers for crafting and art.

Drying Flowers

You may hang flowers as an effective way to dry them. First, you will need to remove the leaves from the flowers. Then, tie the flower stems together with string or wire. Next, the flowers should hang upside down in a dry area with little light, such as an attic or a closet. Drying flowers usually takes about a month.

These may be crumbled into baskets or bags. Encourage the children to compare the scents and describe them.

Perhaps grow some nasturtiums and taste the petals once they bloom!

There are many ways you may use pressed or dried flowers:

- Paste them onto a poster to decorate your classroom
- Paste them onto cards to use as gifts for parents/relatives
- Crumble them up and send them home as pot pourri for the children and families to keep.

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