

Grandpa's Garden

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Family, Gardening, Ecosystems, Seasons

Grade Level: 2nd to 3rd grade

Book Brief: All year long, Billy and his grandpa work on preparing the soil, planting seeds, and taking care of the plants in Grandpa's garden.

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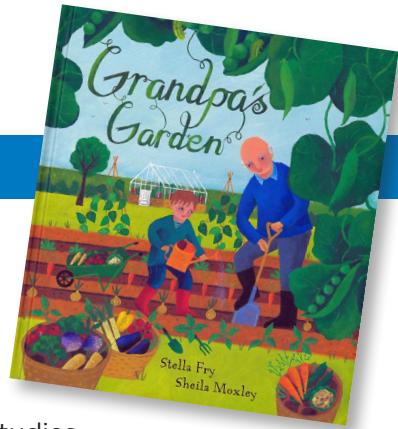
Illustrator:

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Content

Connections:

Science, Math, Social Studies



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: What are the boy and his grandpa growing in their garden?

Do your students recognize any of the plants?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk. Ask students what they can tell about the time frame of the story based on the illustrations. What changes in the pictures?

Prior Knowledge: Do any of the students have gardens at home? Have they ever helped out planting seeds or picking fruit or vegetables? What types of food can you grow in a garden?

Vocabulary: pierced, compost, sprouted, greenhouse, gauzy

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about why personal gardens are important, not just for people like Billy and his grandpa, but for the whole planet."

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ Where do you think Grandpa might live? Why?
- ◆ What can you *infer* about where Billy lives?
- ◆ What season do they start working in the garden?
- ◆ Why is the ground too hard? How does that hurt the plants?
- ◆ What do you think the compost might be like?
- ◆ How much care does a garden need to be healthy?



LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: Why are personal gardens important? How would it help the planet if everyone grew at least some of their own food?

Extending Our Thinking: Not everyone has the space, time, or resources to grow and maintain their own garden. Help students brainstorm ways to overcome those challenges. Can they start a communal garden? Can they grow potted plants? If students can't grow anything of their own, how can they help take care of other plants in their community or at school?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.