

Lola Plants a Garden

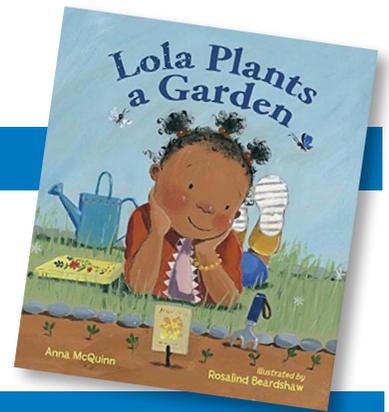
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Gardening, Families, Friendship, Poetry

Book Brief: After reading her favorite poem, Lola is inspired to plant her own flower garden.

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Illustrator: Rosalind Beardshaw



TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: What type of garden is Lola going to plant? Who do you think will help Lola? What might have given Lola the idea to plant a garden?

While reading, make connections: Do you have

a favorite poem? Have you ever planted anything

and watched it grow? Do you know anyone who has a flower garden?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How did the poem inspire Lola to plant her garden?
- ◆ What experiences did Lola already have that may have helped her with planting the flower garden?
- ◆ What did you learn about the type of person Lola is through her garden experience?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FRUITY FLOWERS

Ingredients: 1 green apple, 3 strawberries, bowl, toothpicks

Cut a green apple into bite-sized pieces. Place apple pieces in the bowl. Cut the top off the strawberries; continue cutting thin slices in the same direction to make flowers. Place strawberry flowers on toothpicks and “plant” in the green apples. Enjoy!

MARY MARY DOLL

Create your own Mary Mary doll out of recyclable materials, just like Lola! Some suggested items you might use: an old sock, old shirt, yarn, buttons, scrap paper, and paper towel tubes. What would you want your Mary Mary



doll to look like? Will you place her in a garden?

GARDEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Materials: sidewalk chalk, access to a sidewalk and outdoor area

Use sidewalk chalk to create a garden scavenger hunt! Draw circles and list garden items to find beside each circle. Can you find every item? (Be sure you use your own garden or a public garden, and never pick flowers without permission!)



TECHNOLOGY LINK

How does your garden grow? Log on to www.garden.org/howtovideos for simple how-to videos to help you grow your own garden.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER LOLA BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

- Lola Reads to Leo* (2012)
- Lola Loves Stories* (2010)
- Lola at the Library* (2006)



Reading Is
Fundamental