

Lola Plants a Garden

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Gardening, Families, Friendship, Poetry

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

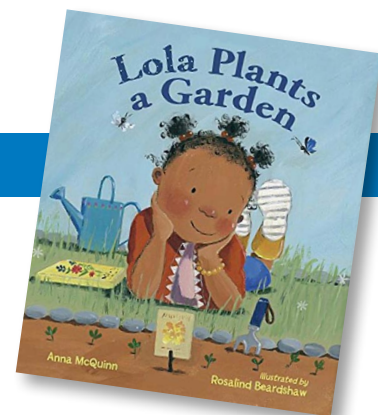
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Content Connections:

Science, Math, Art



TIME TO READ!



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

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the book based on the title and cover illustration. What type of garden do you think

Lola is planting? What do you think Lola is thinking about in the cover picture?

The Pictures: Flip briefly through the pages. How do the pictures in the story help you sequence the steps you need to take in planting a flower garden? What do you think you need to do first?

Prior Knowledge: Discuss how many students have experience with a garden at either their own home, a neighbor's, or perhaps a grandparent's. What grew

in the gardens they are familiar with? Are there different kinds of gardens?

Vocabulary: see vocabulary scaffold

Purpose for Reading: As we read, think about the sequence of the story. Be prepared to retell the steps Lola took in planting her garden.



WHILE WE READ



MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ What season do you think it is at the beginning of the story? How can you tell?

- ◆ What season does Lola start planting? What clues from the book support your answer?
- ◆ How does Lola's garden reflect her favorite poem?
- ◆ What experiences did Lola already have that may have helped her with planting the flower garden?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: Retell the sequence of steps Lola took in planting her garden.

Extending Our Thinking: How could you figure out how much time passed between Lola deciding to plant a garden and her flower growing? Discuss with a partner what you learned about Lola through this story. What are her character traits? Have you ever been inspired by a poem, story, or work of art to create something of your own? What else inspires you to be creative?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

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



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Fundamental