

This is the bibliography for Unit 5 of our 2-volume Teacher's Guide.

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Teacher's Guide
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Starfall Kindergarten Reading and Language Arts Curriculum 2009-10
incorporating Science, Social Studies and Technology

- Opportunities for child-directed learning
- Target skills that are introduced, then applied, integrated, and practiced throughout the year
- English language learners and struggling readers learn alongside their peers
- Interactive technology incorporates visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning
- Appropriate for Kindergarten classrooms and homeschoolers
 - Teacher-tested, research based, and meets state standards
 - Motivation for children to learn and have fun at the same time

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Unit 5 Bibliography

At and Below Level (Wordless Books)

<i>The Alphabet in Nature</i>	<i>Clementina's Cactus</i>	<i>Shapes in Nature</i>	<i>Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral?</i>
Feldman, Judy	Keats, Ezra Jack	Feldman, Judy	Hoban, Tana
Children's Press, 1991	Viking, 1999	Children's Press, 1991	Greenwillow, 1995
Many groups of plant and animal kingdoms are represented in the color photos to illustrate each shape in the alphabet.	Clementina and her dad find a cactus while walking in the desert. What is hiding in the thick skin?	Photographs of nature using a variety of shapes.	In this photographic concept book, children can classify items or groups of items into single or multiple categories.

Above Level (Beginning Readers)

<i>Living and Nonliving</i>	<i>A Seed Is Sleepy</i>	<i>Watch Me Plant a Garden</i>	<i>The Tiny Seed</i>
Lindeen, Carol	Aston, Dianna Hutts	Otten, Jack	Carle, Eric
Pebble Books, 2008	Chronicle Books, 2007	Children's Press, 2002	Aladdin, 2001
Use your senses to observe and understand the differences in our natural world.	Pictures and charts detail a seed's growth into a plant (basic botany).	Features full-color photos of a boy and a girl planting a garden in sequential order.	The dramatic journey of a tiny seed across the seasons and how it survives to grow into a giant flower, releasing new seeds and continuing the wonderful cycle.

Teacher Read Aloud

<i>The ABC of Plants</i>	<i>Plants Are Living Things</i>	<i>Hungry Plants</i>	<i>Sunflower House</i>
Kalman, Bobbie	Kalman, Bobbie	Batten, Mary	Bunting, Eve
Crabtree Pub. Co., 2007	Crabtree Pub. Co., 2007	Random House, 2004	Voyager Books, 1999
Each of the 32 pages tells a different fact about a certain kind of plant.	Introduces living things and their needs; tells why plants are living things and why we need them.	Introduction to carnivorous plants such as the Venus fly trap, pitcher plant, sundew, and bladderwort.	A young boy plants mammoth sunflower seeds in a large circle. As they grow, he and his friends play in the "sunflower house." When summer ends, they save seeds for next year.
<i>The Enormous Carrot</i>	<i>Seeds - World of Plants</i>	<i>Photosynthesis: Changing Sunlight Into Food</i>	<i>The Reason for a Flower</i>
Vagin, Vladimir	Farndon, John	Kalman, Bobbie	Heller, Ruth
Scholastic, 1998	Blackbeard Press, 2006	Crabtree, 2005	Putnam Juvenile, 1999
In this Russian folktale, rabbits Daisy and Floyd, with the help of some friends, work together and try to pull up a giant carrot.	Examines germination of seeds, the way seeds spread, types of seeds, and the role of seeds in the diet of humans and animals.	Simple text tells how plants make food, the importance of leaves, roots, and stems, and about energy from the sun.	Brief text and bold illustrations show how botany works, e.g., the parts of plants which are designed for reproduction and the production of seeds.

Professional Development

Beck, Isabel, McKeown, Margaret, and Kucan, Linda, *Bringing Words to Life: Robust Vocabulary Instruction*. Guilford Press, 2002, ISBN 1572307536 or 978-1572307537