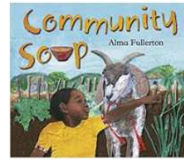
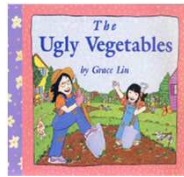




Let's Find Out About It: Community Gardens

Standards:

SS.CG.PS.1-2
 ELA.RL.IKI.PS.1-2
 ELA.SL.CC.PS.1-3
 ELA.SL.PKI.PS.1



Materials:

- *The Ugly Vegetables*
- *Community Soup*
- Community Gardens & Parks Images

Vocabulary:

- **Garden:** a place with soil where plants grow
- **City-** a large town where people live and work
- **Community-** a group of people who have a similar interest
- **Neighbor-** someone who lives close by or next door
- **Town-** a place smaller than a city
- **Green Space-** an area in a city/town with lots of trees and plants
- **Park-** large area of public land with grass, trees and plants

Preparation: Set up materials.

Let's Find Out About It:

"In *The Ugly Vegetables* and *Community Soup*, the girl and her mother, and Kioni and her **neighbors** planted **gardens** that grew all kinds of vegetables."

"The girl and her mother shared the vegetables from their **garden** with their **neighbors**. Kioni and her **neighbors** shared taking care of their **community garden**."

"A **community garden** is located in the middle of a neighborhood where people live. The neighborhood gardeners make sure that the plants are watered and healthy so they grow fruits and vegetables are grown for people to eat."

"Here are images of **public gardens**--these are gardens shared by everyone in a **city** or **town**. **Parks** are also public places that have trees and flowers and large open spaces."

"**Public gardens** and **parks** are also called **green spaces**. Trees and plants in **green spaces** keep the air clean and provide protection from the weather."

"Visitors gather to enjoy the plants, to play on the fields."

"How is a **public garden/park** similar to or different from a **community garden**?"

Show covers of both texts.

*Show garden illustrations that include neighbors in both *The Ugly Vegetables* and *Community Soup**

Show images of community gardens.

Show images of public gardens.

Children respond.