Unit 4: Our Earth

WEEK 1 Day 1



Read Aloud From Seed to Plant Read 1 of 5, Pages 1-4

Big Ideas	Plants grow and change over time. They need light, water, and air to live and grow.		
Unit Question	In what ways do people, animals and plants depend on and impact the environment?		
Guiding Questions	How do plants grow and change over time? What do plants need to survive?		
Content Objective	I can ask questions about seeds in a triad discussion. (SL.1.K.a, R.4.K)		
Language Objectives	I can ask questions and seek additional information about seeds. (L.1.K.c)		
Vocabulary	 contain: to have or hold within something nutrition: food to make us grow strong and healthy protect: to make sure something or someone is safe and not hurt scatter: to throw things all around in lots of different places care: to keep something or someone safe 		
Materials and Preparation	 Dirt: The Scoop on Soil and several other Our Earth texts. Display the books where children can see them for the lesson. From Seed to Plant, Gail Gibbons Pre-mark page numbers in the book to correspond with the lesson. Page 1 begins with "Most plants make seeds." From Seed to Plant vocabulary cards chart paper, 2 sheets One one sheet of chart paper, prepare the following Think, Triad, Share anchor chart. Draw 3 children facing each other or use the 		

photograph	provided.		
Think, Triad, Share			
		1. Face one	another.
.00	\sum	2. Think abo	out your ideas.
(3. The "Disc shares ide	ussion Starter" eas.
		4. Discuss ic person pa	leas. Every articipates.
		5. The "Repo out.	rter" shares
	nd piece of chart seeds and plants		he following KWL
From Seed to Plant			
	<u>K</u> now	<u>W</u> ant to Know	<u>L</u> earned
seeds			
plants			

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	Prepare heterogenous triad groups and write them out on the whiteboard for children to reference. Write the names of each triad member and assign each a number (1, 2 or 3). Select one triad to model the Think, Triad, Share in a "fishbowl" protocol.
Opening 6 minutes	
	time the class uses this routine.

Invite the number 2 triad member to start the discussion. Allow the triad to discuss their knowledge of seeds for about 2 minutes.			
After the triad discusses, invite the reporter to share out 2 ideas the group had about seeds. Prompt the reporter to share out what the triad discussed, rather than share a new idea. Record the ideas on the KWL chart.			
Invite the class to reflect on the triad discussion. What did you notice about how this triad listened and shared ideas? What did the reporter do at the end?			
Invite the children on the outside of the fishbowl to contribute 3-4 more ideas about seeds to the " <u>K</u> now" column, and record them on the chart			
Let's read the beginning pages of From Seed to Plant. As I'm reading, think about what questions you have about seeds. We will share our questions in triads.			
Contains means to have inside, or to hold. Gesture holding something with arms in a circle and invite children to make the gesture.			
Here I see a close up of a sunflower seed and of an acorn, another kind of seed.			
Why do you think Gail Gibbons is showing us that a sunflower seed looks different than the seed for an aak tree? Harvest 2-3 ideas and prompt as needed by rereading the text on page 3.			
Point to the flower to show where the seeds begin.			
Invite children to Think, Triad, Share. Now that we've read a little about seeds, what are you wondering? What questions do you have? Remember, when we ask questions we use words like Why, What, How, and When.			
You will share your questions in your new triad. Number 2s, you will be the discussion starters today, and number 3s will be the reporters.			
The triad discussion is focused on generating questions. Children's questions may inspire more questions. Naturally, children will begin to discuss ideas and responses to their peer's questions. Allow some of this natural discussion, while steering children toward question generating.			

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Closing	Ensure children are facing their triad members and have some thinking time before inviting the discussion starter to begin. If support is needed, pause the triad discussions for one child to model a question about seeds to the whole class. After 2 minutes of triad discussion, invite the reporters to share out. Record reporter ideas in the " <u>W</u> ant to Know" column. Reflect on the triad discussions. <i>What went well when you talked in your triads?</i> <i>What could be better for next time?</i> <i>Tomorrow we'll continue to read this text and to form questions in</i>				
1 minute	our triads.				
Standards	 R.4.K Ask and answer questions with prompting and support about who, what, when, where and how. SL.1.K.a Participate in collaborative conversations about kindergarten topics and texts with peers, and adults in small and larger groups. L.1.K.c Understand and use question words (interrogatives) (e.g. who, what, where, when, how). 				
Ongoing assessment	Observe children's discussion behaviors and listen to their responses. Do children listen to peers and share their own ideas? Do children use question words to ask about seeds? What knowledge do children bring about seeds?				
Center Activities	Art Table	Children create artwork inspired by our earth.			
	Art Easel	Children paint inspired by our earth.			
	Blocks	Children build plants.			
	Dramatization	Children create a garden.			
	Library & Listening	Children work on the book inventory.			
	Discovery Table	Children sort and write about seeds.			
	Science & Engineering	Children start the compost.			
	Writing & Drawing	Children sort and write about seeds.			

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