



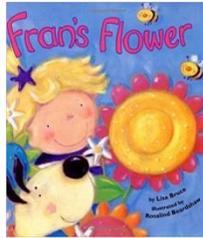
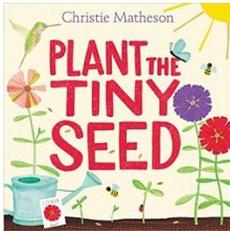
# Portland Library

## Take-Home Sheet: Flowers!

### April 4, 2018

#### READING:

Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.



#### Other Titles You Might Enjoy:

- *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting
- *Flowers Are Calling* by Rita Gray
- *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle
- *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting

#### SINGING:

Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.

##### The Gardener Plants the Seeds

*(to the tune of: The Farmer in the Dell)*

The gardener plants the seeds. *(pretend to put a seed in the ground)*

The gardener plants the seeds.

Heigh-ho, let's watch it grow,

The gardener plants the seeds.

*Other verses:*

The rain begins to fall... *(move your hands down & wiggle fingers like rain)*

The sun begins to shine... *(open and close hands to form finger "rays")*

The plant begins to grow... *(hands together, move upwards)*

#### TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

One little, two little, three little flowers  
Four little, five little, six little flowers  
Seven little, eight little, nine little flowers  
Ten flowers in the garden

Give them rain and lots of sunshine,  
Give them rain and lots of sunshine,  
Give them rain and lots of sunshine,  
So they grow up tall!

#### PLAYING:

Parachute play for toddlers helps to channel their excess energy. They are learning about rhythm and rhyme, they are learning how to work together with their peers, and they are learning how to listen and follow directions.

#### LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK:

##### **What Can You Do to Help Build Print Awareness?**

Read board books that your child can handle on his/her own; let him/her turn the pages as you read together. Sometimes point to the words as you read. Talk about print even when you are not reading together. Look for letters and words on signs, labels, and lists.

Source: *Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy* <https://www.clel.org/about3>

## WRITING:

Writing begins with scribbles and other marks. Talk to your children about what they draw and then write captions or stories together. This makes a connection between spoken and printed language.

- Coloring helps strengthen muscles/fine motor skills needed for writing.

