## Unit 7: Watch It Grow Week 4: Explore Plant Needs

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Dear Families,

This week children will continue to care for their plants and to watch them grow. They will be guided to pay attention to their plants' needs, and graph their plants' growth. Children will listen to the read aloud book *Wonderful Worms*, an informational book about worms, and watch a *Between the Lions* video based on the book to learn the role of worms in helping plants grow. They will also listen to the read-aloud book *Vegetable Garden*, about a family who cares for a garden through different seasons of the year. This week children are learning about the letter "Ww," the letter sound /w/, and the word *worm*.

Here are some things you can do at home with your child:

- Dig a hole in the soil. Look for roots, seeds, worms, and other underground life. Talk about what you both find.
- Take a walk to a park. Look for things that are growing or starting to grow. Encourage your child to describe what they see: "I see a leaf poking through the ground," or "I see a seed on the ground," or "That is a stem holding up a flower."
- Look for the letter "Ww" in words on signs and labels with your child. Say the words together.

Thank you!

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