



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: The Curious Garden

Author and Illustrator: Peter Brown

Book Summary: One day Liam discovers a struggling garden. But it's not a typical garden. This garden is growing in an abandoned railroad track.

Before Reading, use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.

To stimulate your child's interest, ask your child to look at the cover. Use open-ended questions to encourage him/her to talk about the similarities between the illustration and the park/outside around you.

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Explain that this book was written and illustrated by the same person.

During Reading, use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.

To develop prediction skills, pause in the story and ask your child what will happen next and why. These skills are important in early literacy development.

To work on vocabulary, discuss new words your child may not be familiar with as you read together. For example– curious, neighborhood, pruning, delicate. Help your child use the new word in a sentence.

After Reading, use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.

To develop a love of reading, borrow books from the library or Onslow County Partnership for Children's Resource Centers to establish daily book sharing. Read books about plants and gardening-like Liam did!

To encourage outdoor play, go for a walk and name the plants and trees you see. Notice the birds and bugs. Talk with your child about the weather conditions outside for that day and the season.

To stimulate creativity, ask your child to draw a picture of what his/her garden would look like. Encourage him/her to include plants, flowers, trees, birdbaths, benches, etc.

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