

# PLANT THE TINY SEED

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## TEACHING GUIDE



### About the Book

Like Matheson's *Tap the Magic Tree*, this book will have young readers tapping, clapping, wiggling, and waving, while they watch three little seeds sprout and grow into lovely zinnia flowers. Sun, rain, birds, and bugs are all part of the growing process. And before the story ends, the reader helps scatter seeds so that new plants begin to grow. Children will see that the life cycle of plants wondrously and magically endures.

### Before Reading

Ask the children if they have ever planted seeds. Do they know where seeds come from? How do seeds grow? Tell them that as they read this story and follow the prompts, they will be learning how to plant seeds. They will also see what helps seeds sprout into plants and then grow and bloom.



### Discussion Questions



1. Where do seeds come from?
2. What foods do we eat that have seeds in them?
3. Do we eat any seeds? (For example, sunflower seeds, nuts, peas, corn kernels.)
4. What does a plant need to grow?
5. What do you think would happen if a plant gets too much sun or rain, or not enough?
6. How do worms help plants grow?
7. How do bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds help plants?
8. Did you see the ladybug on each page of this story? How are ladybugs helpful to plants?
9. Why did the purple flower in the story need to be clipped?
10. Why did the author ask you to scatter the seeds? Why is this important?
11. The flowers in this story are zinnias. Do you have a favorite flower?
12. Do flowers grow near your home? If so, did someone plant them in a garden, or are they wildflowers? What's the difference?
13. What are the main parts of a flower? (Name roots, stem, leaves, flower) Do you know the job of each part of the flower?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading Standards for Literature):*

*RL.K.1, RL.K.7, RL.K.10, RL.1.1, RL.1.7, RL.1.10*

*Common Core State Standards (Speaking and Listening):*

*SL.K.1, SL.K.3, SL.K.4, SL.K.6, SL.1.1, SL.1.2, SL.1.4, SL.1.6*



Aligns with Common Core State Standards for Grades PreK-1

