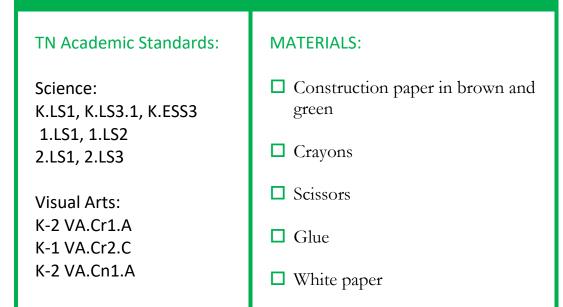
# **Paper Gardens!**

Students will learn about the process of growing vegetables, plants, and flowers from seed to production. Inspired by a variety of things grown in fields, they will create a layered paper garden that they can plant and harvest over and over!



# **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Students will cut along a printed template to create rows and a plot for their garden.
- 2. Students will glue their plot to their green paper, adding glue just along the edge of their brown paper.
- 3. Then, students will use a template on white paper to draw flowers, plant, and/or fruit as well as a container for harvesting their gardens.
- 4. Students will cut out their drawings and glue their container to their construction paper.
- 5. Finally, students will "plant" their produce in their paper gardens.

## DISCUSSION

**Background Information:** Most plants, flowers, and vegetables start out as a seed. But between the time they are planted and harvested, a lot of hard work must happen! Living things need soil,

## GRADE LEVEL

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#### In the Classroom:



#### At home:



water, and sun to grow. Some types of produce grow best with lots of sun, while others need shade to survive. Some produce grows quickly while others take a long time. Students will learn about the life cycle of a variety of plants, flowers, and vegetables and how they transform from a seed to the harvested products we see in the grocery store.

# **Guiding Questions:**

Do all vegetables have seeds? Can you think of any that don't?

What time of year is best to plant a garden?

Do you know anyone who grows their own flowers or food?

Where can you find seeds?

What are the parts of a plant?

# LEARNING AT HOME

(For virtual students)

PaperDrawing materials

Students will learn about the role insects play within a garden and read In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming. They will then color, fold, and tear a piece of paper to create a sky and ground with hidden insect drawings underneath!

## **INSPIRED BY:**



Nancy Glazer Girl with a Bird in her Hand Cast Stone Dixon Gallery and Gardens Gift of Nancy Wellman Glazer 1992.4P

# **EXAMPLES:**

### In the Classroom:



At Home:



## **Virtual Learning Activity Sheet**

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