

# Week 1



Dear Parents,

This week, our class began a unit of garden study called *Learn, Grow, Eat & Go!* Over the next 10 weeks, your child will learn about plants, including why they are important to us, how to grow a garden, and how to give plants what they need to grow. As we begin preparing to grow our school garden, we will also be learning about how plants provide for our needs.

I will be sending home weekly letters to update you on what your child is learning in this project. The letters will list the main topics from the week and will include some questions that you can ask your child or things you can do together to learn more at home.

This week, we learned the six basic plant needs: a place to grow, light, air, nutrients, water, and soil. We also discussed the senses—in addition to our sense of taste—that we use when we eat.

If you would like to know more about what we learned, you could ask your child these questions:

- ★ How do you remember the basic plants needs with the letters PLANTS?
- ★ What grade did you give the carrot for:

Sight      Smell      Feel      Sound      Taste

Research shows that people often need to see or try a new food many times before they will want to start eating it regularly. This week, your child has sampled and graded a bite of a fresh, raw carrot. Over the next several weeks, the class might grade more samples of the vegetables being planted in their garden.

Thanks for your interest! If you want to learn more about our Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! project and things your family can do at home, go to [www.jmgkids.us/LGEG](http://www.jmgkids.us/LGEG). Be sure to look for next week's update letter!

Sincerely,

