



**Together We Grow a multicultural family literacy pilot program - Millmerran Library**

**Session Two: Land (Gardening)**

**Activity:**

- I went walking and saw . . ." flashcards (English/Karen/Filipino).
- In your library discovery: Walk through the library and discover a collection or information area, find the hidden book to share. Read large format story "Up, Down and Around".
- Activity time. Discussions - where will you keep this plant at home? What does it need to grow? Plant a vegetable seed in a small pot and watch it grow. Create a small plant label and print child/parents name.
- Care instructions to take home in English and other language if possible.

**Materials required:**

- Vegetable seeds, small pots, soil, water, place to wash hands, soap, paper towels, pens, cardboard, paddle pop sticks or skewer, sticky tape.

**Take home sheet:**

- "I saw in the garden . . ."

**Stories to read:**

- 'Up, Down and Around' by Katherine Ayres.
- 'Doing the garden' by Sarah Garland.
- Parallel text Filipino/English. 'There's a snake in the house' by Carla M. Pacis.
- 'Things that grow' by Hinkler Books.

**Songs:**

- Hello song
- Round and round the garden like a teddy bear
- Five garden snails
- Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- Goodbye song

**Lyrics:**

**Hello song**

Hi, hello and how are you?  
How are you? How are you?  
Hi, hello and how are you?  
How are you today?

**Round and round the garden**

Round and round the garden  
Like a Teddy Bear  
One step, two step  
What's growing over there?

Round and round the haystack  
Went the little mouse  
One step, two step  
Into his little house.

Round and round the light house  
Up the spiral stair  
One step, two step  
And right up in the air.

*Lyrics from It's Rhyme Time. The Little Big Book Club (2006).*

**Five garden snails**

Five garden snails  
Sleeping in the sun  
Along comes a yellow bird  
And flies away with one. Oh dear.

Four garden snails  
Sliding along the path  
Along comes a yellow bird  
And flies away with one. Oh dear.

Three garden snails  
Lunching on some leaves  
Along comes a yellow bird  
And flies away with one. Oh dear.

Two garden snails  
Keeping very close  
Along comes a yellow bird  
And flies away with one. Oh dear.

One garden snail  
Hiding under a rock  
Along comes a yellow bird  
But flies away with none.

*Source unknown.*

**I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow**

When all the cows are sleeping  
And the sun has gone to bed  
Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said.

I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow  
With a floppy floppy hat  
I can shake my arm like this  
And shake my leg like that.

*Lyrics from Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes! And Other Action Rhymes, selected by Mark Carthew. Puffin Books (2003).*

**Goodbye song: Open, Shut Them**

Open, shut them  
Open, shut them  
Give a little clap, clap, clap.

Open, shut them  
Open, shut them  
Put them in your lap, lap, lap.

Wave them, wave them  
Wave them, wave them  
High up in the sky, sky, sky.

Wave to me, I'll wave to you,  
Let's all say "Goodbye."

Lyrics from <http://www.mamalisa.com/blog/hello-and-goodbye-songs/>

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