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Seeds, Stories & Spanish: A Garden Heritage Adventure with Diana 🌱

Instructions:

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Topics

Hands-on gardening, Spanish vocabulary, seeds, plants, fruits and vegetables, plant life cycle, Spanish-speaking cultures, cultural heritage, simple STEM, art and crafts, movement, independent projects, easy classroom activities, no outdoor garden required. 45 minutos

Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Seeds, Stories & Spanish: A Garden Heritage Adventure

Duration

1 Hour

Lesson Plan

1. **Introduction to Seeds and Plants (10 minutes)**
   - Discuss the basics of seeds, plants, fruits, and vegetables.
   - Introduce the plant life cycle.
   - Share a simple story about a plant from a Spanish-speaking culture.

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2. **Spanish Vocabulary (10 minutes)**
  - Teach basic Spanish words related to gardening (e.g., "semilla" for seed, "planta" for plant).
  - Practice pronunciation with the class.

3. **Cultural Heritage and Stories (10 minutes)**
  - Share a cultural story from a Spanish-speaking country that involves plants or gardening.
  - Discuss the importance of plants in various cultures.

4. **Simple STEM Activity (10 minutes)**
  - Demonstrate how to plant a seed in a small pot or cup.
  - Explain the process of germination.

5. **Art and Crafts (10 minutes)**
  - Create a simple craft related to plants, such as decorating a plant pot.
  - Encourage creativity and relate it to the cultural stories shared.

6. **Independent Project Introduction (5 minutes)**
  - Assign a simple project: observe and document the growth of their planted seed over time.

7. **Closing and Sharing (5 minutes)**
  - Allow students to share one thing they learned.
  - Recap the Spanish vocabulary learned.

Materials List

- Small pots or cups
- Soil
- Seeds (e.g., beans or sunflower)
- Markers or paints for decorating
- Spanish vocabulary flashcards
- Storybook or cultural story script
- Craft supplies (paper, scissors, glue)

Adaptations for Different Ages

- **Younger Kids:** Focus on basic vocabulary and simple crafts.

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- **Older Kids:** Introduce more complex vocabulary and detailed cultural stories.

Movement Break

- **Plant Dance (5 minutes):** Mimic the growth of a plant through movement, from seed to full bloom.

Bonus Activities

- **Garden Bingo:** Create a bingo card with Spanish words and plant images.
- **Story Time Extension:** Read a longer story or watch a short video about a famous garden in a Spanish-speaking country.

Series Outline

1. **Week 1: Introduction to Gardening & Spanish Vocabulary**
   - Learn basic gardening terms in Spanish.
   - Create a mini indoor garden using recycled containers.
   - Storytime with a book about gardens, incorporating Spanish words.

2. **Week 2: Exploring Seeds**
   - Examine different types of seeds and learn their Spanish names.
   - Start a seed germination experiment.
   - Create seed art using glue and paper.

3. **Week 3: Plant Life Cycle**
   - Discuss the plant life cycle and its stages in Spanish.
   - Create a life cycle wheel with drawings and labels.
   - Watch a time-lapse video of plant growth and discuss.

4. **Week 4: Fruits and Vegetables**
   - Identify fruits and vegetables, learning their names in Spanish.
   - Make a fruit salad and label ingredients in Spanish.
   - Create vegetable stamps for art projects.

5. **Week 5: Simple STEM with Plants**
   - Conduct a simple experiment on how plants absorb water.

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- Measure plant growth and create a growth chart.
- Discuss photosynthesis using simple Spanish terms.

6. **Week 6: Spanish-Speaking Cultures & Plants**
   - Learn about traditional plants from Spanish-speaking countries.
   - Explore a story or folktale related to plants from a Spanish culture.
   - Create a cultural plant collage.

7. **Week 7: Art and Crafts with Nature**
   - Make nature-inspired crafts using leaves and flowers.
   - Create a Spanish-themed garden mural.
   - Design plant pots with cultural patterns.

8. **Week 8: Movement and Music**
   - Learn a traditional dance from a Spanish-speaking country.
   - Create a musical instrument using seeds or dried beans.
   - Incorporate movement activities inspired by plant growth.

9. **Week 9: Independent Projects**
   - Start a personal plant project and document its growth.
   - Research a plant from a Spanish-speaking country and present findings.
   - Create a mini Spanish-English plant dictionary.

10. **Week 10: Celebrating Cultural Heritage**
    - Host a garden party showcasing plants and crafts.
    - Share stories and foods from Spanish-speaking cultures.
    - Reflect on what was learned with a group discussion and certificate ceremony.

For additional support, reference this experience outline template which includes tips and prompts to help you develop and lead an excellent Grasshopper Kids experience.

Note: This lesson plan outline was drafted by Hopper. If you would like to see different results, you can submit another idea, or text us with feedback so we can work to make the algorithm better. We built this tool to help save you time in bringing more kids enrichment experience ideas to life!

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