

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM BULB PROJECT

GRADES K-2

Dear Parents:

This week, your child had the opportunity to work in the outdoor classroom. During his/her library time, your child read about bulbs, observed bulbs under a microscope and planted a bulb in the outdoor classroom. In addition, each classroom teacher received paper white bulbs to grow with the students. Paper whites grow indoors and allow the students to observe first hand how a bulb grows. Planting bulbs with children is a great way to introduce them to the concepts and joys of gardening. This activity sheet provides some ideas for you and some reinforcement activities for your child. Please check out our web site at <http://gloveroutdoorclassroom.home.comcast.net>. Please feel free to send your comments, observations and suggestions to gloveroutdoorclassroom@comcast.net

Hands-on activities to do at home:

1. Grow paper whites at home. Instructions can be found at your local garden center or at www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/gpe/case5/index.html
2. Plant your own bulb garden. A good resource is www.bestgardening.com
3. Do you know which end of a bulb is up? Have your child remove a garlic bulb from the clove. Where do you think the roots will develop? The stems? The leaves? Poke toothpicks in the clove and suspend it (bottom down) in a glass of water? See what happens.
4. Onions are bulbs too and you can use them to observe what happens inside a bulb as it grows. www.earthsbirthday.org provides a great activity for sprouting and dissecting onions.
5. A great web site for learning more about gardening with children is www.kidsgardening.com
6. A great picture book to read is *Paperwhite* by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace.

Word Search

F S A P S T E M

T P F L H O B F

K R F L O W E R

A I V B C V F E

S N Y K L E A F

D G L O K F P Q

B U L B A L G C

Words to Find:

SPRING

STEM

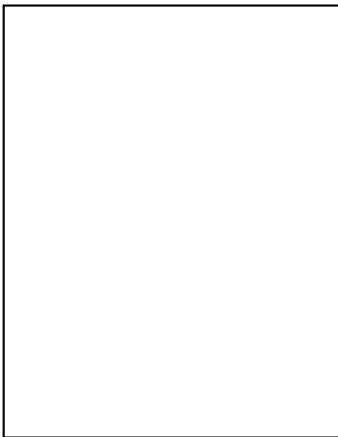
FLOWER

BULB

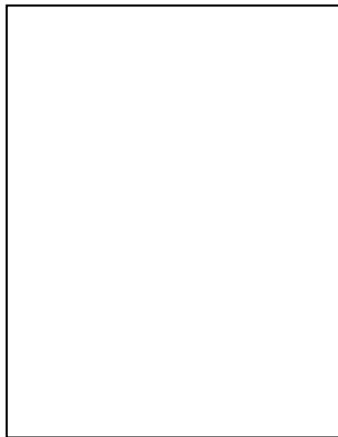
LEAF

Draw a picture of each. Color the picture. Identify the stem, leaf and flower.

BULB



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* Check out the answers on our web site.