

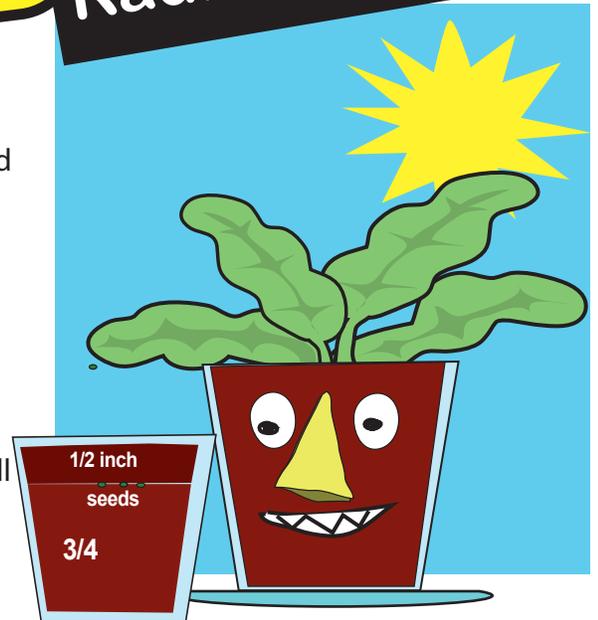
**Experiment  
of the Month:**

**Radish Kids**

**You will need:**

Clear, plastic cup  
Construction paper  
Scissors  
Glue  
Potting soil  
Radish seeds  
Ruler  
Water  
Small plate

1. Have an adult poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
2. Decorate your cup with a nose, mouth and eyes cut from construction paper.
3. Fill the cup  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with soil and add 4 radish seeds, covered with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of soil.
4. Water the seeds and put your Radish Kid on a small plate in a sunny place..
5. Check your Radish Kid daily to watch the "hair" grow and keep the soil moist.
6. In a few weeks, a radish root will grow in the soil. If you transplant it outdoors, it will grow big enough to eat!



**Ask Questions:**

- What does a plant need to grow?
- What parts of the plant can you see above and below the soil?
- What foods do you eat that grow in the ground?
- Can you think of the names of some vegetables and fruits?

**Sing a Song:**

**The Garden Song  
by David Mallett**

**Inch by inch, row by row,  
Gonna make this garden grow.  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And a piece of fertile ground.**

**Inch by inch, row by row,  
Someone bless these seeds I sow.  
Someone warm them from below  
'Til the rain comes tumblin' down.**

For the song's tune and more verses, search for "Inch by Inch" on youtube.com.

**Play At Home:**

At the grocery store, pick out foods that grow from seeds. Ask your parent if you can find a food you've never tried to take home and taste.

**Read a Poem:**

**Planting**  
by Dick Wilmes

I took a little seed one day  
About a month ago.  
I put it in a pot of dirt,  
In hopes that it would grow.  
I poured a little water  
To make the soil right.  
I set the pot upon the sill,  
Where the sun would give it light.  
I checked the pot most every day,  
And turned it once or twice.  
With a little care and water  
I helped it grow so nice.



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