

Theme: Flowers and Plants

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Hello StrongStart friends,

Today's email content is put together by Ms. Maxine (from Champlain Annex).

Spring is the perfect time to make flower crafts. Today's flower activities are good for learning math, literacy and science.

### **Activity #1 - Number Matching**

You will need different coloured papers, scissors, straws and tape. First, cut out flower shapes and write the number in the center. You will need two of the same number for matching and one of each number for counting. Then, ask the children to decorate the flowers - with stickers, markers, whatever you have! Finally, you can ask the children to line the flowers up or match them.

*Adaptations: make 20 flowers for older children and 10 for younger children.*



Here is a flower song called "Five Little Flowers" you can sing after you've finished your flowers - [https://youtu.be/eFWXpmUg\\_IQ](https://youtu.be/eFWXpmUg_IQ).

### **Activity #2 - Planting Flowers/Vegetables**

You will need some flowerpots (10-inches or larger), potting soil, flower/vegetable seeds and small rocks. First, fill your flowerpot with small rocks until the pot is about one-quarter of the way full. This allows the soil to drain out excess water. Then, fill the rest of the flowerpot with potting soil. Stop when there is a 1-inch lip at the top of the pot. If you don't add enough soil, the edges of the pot will cast a shadow over the young plants and they won't be able to get sunlight. Evenly space 5 shallow wells around the edge of your pot. Place 2-3 seeds in each well and cover with 1 inch of potting soil. Lightly pack down the potting soil with your hands and

gently water each pot. Be careful not to flood your seeds! Find a sunny spot to set it down and be sure to water regularly. If you can, take a picture every few days to see how much the plant has grown!



Here is a song you can sing while planting. It is called the "Farmer Plants the Seeds"  
- <https://youtu.be/cRhGOdqWlIo>.

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Happy Planting! Let us know what you have planted or if you already have something growing.

