Subject: Grade 3 Science
Lesson: Life in the Garden

Standard Addressed: Summarize the distinct stages of the life cycle of seed plants. (NC.3.L.2.3)

Objective:
- Students will be able to use information about a plant’s life cycle to sequence and label the stages of development for a seed.

Materials Needed:
- Device for showing Life in the Garden video
- “Life in the Garden” activity sheet
- Garden Plants Research Materials
- Clay

Outline:
- Prior to this lesson, students should know the basic parts of a plant (roots, stems, leaves, flowers). Students should also know that plants create seeds in order to reproduce.
- Discuss the activity prompt.
- Students finish the activity independently or with a partner.

Take It Further: Students chose a garden plant to research how long it takes for it to grow from seed to the point of producing its own seeds.

Cross-Curriculum Connection: Students view the “Claymation” video found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJiNh2pMSB8 to watch a seed grow into a flowering plant. Students then use clay to represent one of the stages in a plant’s life cycle.
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**WORD BANK:**  
FLOWER  LEAVES  ROOTS  STEM  SEED

This is how a plant starts.

Finally, this part grows to make more seeds!

Now these parts uncurl.

Next grows this part.

**BONUS:** Draw a star by your picture that shows where germination has occurred.
Answer Key

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