

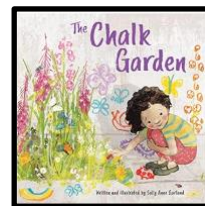
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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

The Chalk Garden

By Sally Anne Garland

What can you create with a little chalk and a big idea? As Emma uses her imagination to draw a beautiful flower garden with sidewalk chalk, a tiny ecosystem develops outside her door, with real-life flowers that bud and bloom!



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Fun Facts:

- Georgia's climate is humid and subtropical, meaning warm summers and mild winters—great for gardening!
- The state has different planting zones (6b to 9a), which determine the best plants for each area. Find you zone [here](#).
- The famous Georgia red clay is rich in iron but needs to be mixed with compost for the best plant growth.
- Georgia is home to over 500 species of native bees, including bumblebees, mason bees, carpenter bees, sweat bees, and leafcutter bees. These bees play a vital role in pollinating gardens, farms, and wildflowers, helping plants grow and thrive across the state!
- Georgia has over 3,600 native plant species, including wildflowers, trees, and grasses that support wildlife and thrive in the state's diverse landscapes!
- The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offers helpful resources like the [Home Garden Planting Chart](#), which provides planting dates, spacing, and depths for vegetables, and the [Vegetable Garden Calendar](#), outlining monthly gardening tasks and schedules tailored to Georgia's climate.

Videos:

- [AgVentures to Buffalo Creek Garden in Carroll County](#)
- [AgVentures Arena Acres in Houston County](#)
- [Let's Plant a Garden! | Squeaks Grows a Garden! | SciShow Kids](#)
- [Watch a Seed Sprout! | Squeaks Grows a Garden! | SciShow Kids](#)

Activities:

- Lessons: How Does Your Garden Grow? [K-2](#) and [3-5](#) | [Plants Around You 3-5](#) | [How to Read a Seed Packet 3-5](#)
- Problem Based Learning Project: [Plan a Garden](#)
- [Easter Garden Activity: Dye Easter Eggs with fruits and vegetables that can be grown in Georgia gardens!](#)
- Get ready for Mother's Day!!!
 - [Plant Seeds in Milk Cartons. Seed observation wrapper that can be placed on the carton.](#)
 - [Card Template: Option 1-cut out handprint & add flowers | Option 2-trace hand & color handprint or use paint](#)
- [Make Pollinator Seed Balls Using Flour](#)
- [Recipe: Garden Trail Mix](#) -the trail mix has items that represent all the items that are needed for a successful garden.
- [Garden Coloring Page](#) and [Garden Bookmark](#)
- [Seed Observation Journal](#)
- [Plant Life Cycle Bracelet](#)- Cut the cards. Place a card, the beads and an elastic string or pipe cleaner in a Ziploc bag. As you talk about the life cycle have the students place the beads on their string/pipe cleaner.
- Art Ideas: [DIY Chalk Paint](#) | [How To Draw A Tulip In A Pot](#) | [Make paint from berries and nature](#) | [Plant Markers](#)
- [Plant a garden, then register it for free on the Rosalynn Carter Butter Trail](#)

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