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# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

# Logan's Greenhouse

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Logan is organizing a pet playdate at his greenhouse for all of his friends, and his treats won't be the same without his carrots. He's searched and searched, but his greenhouse is filled with plenty of plants and Logan needs our help to identify them. What do we know about carrots? They're long, orange, and have bushy leaves at the top—and, wait a moment, is that a carrot? No, that's a turnip. Where, oh, *where* could those carrots be? Can you help Logan find them in time for his playdate?



<u>Click here to listen to the</u> <u>book on YouTube.</u>

### Fun Facts:

- Greenhouse is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest commodity in order of value in Georgia.
- The first know greenhouses were built in Rome during the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. The wealthy Romans used the greenhouses as a sunny retreat, not to grow plants. It wasn't until the 16<sup>th</sup> century that people began using greenhouses for plants.
- Greenhouses arrived in American during the 1700s. Andrew Faneuil, a wealthy Boston merchant, built the first American greenhouse in 1737.
- In 1787 Georgia Washington built a greenhouse at his home to serve pineapple to guests!
- Georgia carrots are sweeter because the unique climate provides the perfect condition to develop more sugar while growing. Carrots are harvested December through June and they're grown primarily in the southern part of the state.

#### Videos:

- AgVentures at R&K Green House in Toombs County
- Farm Monitor: Canadian Based Company Builds State of the Art Greenhouse in Fort Valley
- Farm Monitor: Plant Nursery Keeps Southeast Georgia Landscapes Beautiful

### **Activities:**

- Greenhouse Color Page and Bookmark
- Lesson: Desk Top Greenhouse
- Recipes: <u>Carrot Cake Cream Cheese Dip</u> or <u>Yogurt Ranch Vegetable Dip</u>
- <u>My Little Greenhouse- STEM Activity</u>
- <u>Winter Sowing- STEM Project</u>
- Garden Hack: Plastic Tubs as Mini-Greenhouses
- <u>Seed Journal</u>
- Vegetable Planting Chart
- <u>Planting Carrots in Containers</u>

