



## Theme: Plants (Grades K-2)

### Pre-Visit Activity #1

#### The Path of a Hummingbird?

##### Overview:

Students will listen to the story *Little Green* by Keith Baker, a story of a young artist drawing the flight path of the hummingbird. Students will then get a chance to make their own hummingbird flight drawing.

##### Objectives:

- Students will recognize the importance of colors of flowers in relation to birds and insects.
- Students will understand that color is important in a garden.

##### Materials:

- *Little Green* by Keith Baker
- White paper
- Crayons

##### Activity:

1. Read the story *Little Green* to the students – omitting the last page.
2. Discuss the actions and flight patterns of the hummingbird.
3. Hand out a piece of white paper to each student.
4. Have them choose three crayons to use.
5. Discuss the importance of colors in relation to birds and insects.
6. Ask the students to draw an image of the story or the flight pattern of the hummingbird as you read it to them a second time.
7. After reading the book, give the students five extra minutes to complete their picture.
8. Have all the students hold up their pictures.
9. Discuss their pictures.
10. Finish reading the book to them, showing the students the last page.

##### Extension:

1. You may choose to visit <http://www.activitytv.com/306-hummingbird-feeder> to build a hummingbird feeder.

### Suggested Reading List:

1. ***Counting in the Garden*** by Kim Parker. A colorful way to count to ten with pictures of creatures in the garden.
2. ***Good Morning, Garden*** by Barbara Brenner. A simplistic and tranquil greeting to each new day, celebrating nature with rhymes and beautiful illustrations.
3. ***In the Garden: Who's Been Here?*** by Lindsay Barrett George. Christina and Jeremy find evidence of many different animals as they gather vegetables in their garden.
4. ***Little Green*** by Keith Baker. A young boy watches a hummingbird travel from his window, appreciating the nature that he sees.
5. ***Mrs. Spitzer's Garden*** by Edith Pattou. Readers get an informative look at what plants need to grow as Mrs. Spitzer tends to her garden.
6. ***One Little Seed*** by Elaine Greenstein. A very simple look at the cycle of nature as one seed is planted and grown, and another seed is picked.
7. ***Planting a Rainbow*** by Lois Ehlert. A mother and child plant a garden with many different colors, creating a rainbow before their eyes.