

May 2023 - How Does Your Garden Grow

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May Day - May 1st

Activities:

[Make Your Own Seed Paper](#) – School Aged

[Easy Flowers to Grow for Kids](#) – K – 3

[10 Amazing Do-it-Yourself Wind Chimes](#) – K - 4

Books to Read:

[Spring Equinox](#), by Jackson, Ellen

[It's Spring](#), by Glaser, Linda

[Springtime in Bugland!](#), by Carter, David A

May Day:

People around the world celebrate May Day. This May 1 holiday has been celebrated since ancient times. Spring festivals, parades, and maypoles are important traditions on this day. It has several meanings. In many other countries, it is a celebration of spring and the coming of summer. It is celebrated with many spring flowers, many of them blooming right in your backyard.



Cinco de Mayo - May 5th

Activities:

[Paper Plate Pinata](#) – School Ages

[Mexican Folk Art: Amate Paintings](#) – School Aged

[Make Mexican Metal Art](#) – School Aged

Books to Read:

[Marco's Cinco de Mayo](#), by Bullard, Linda

[Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, It's Fiesta Time](#), by Hill, Sandi

[Cinco de Mouse O!](#), DVD

Cinco de Mayo Day:

Cinco de Mayo has come to signify Hispanic and Mexican pride and a time to celebrate the rich Hispanic culture. It is a time of song, dance, partying, and in general a time to be proud to be of Hispanic descent.



Mother's Day - May 14th

Activities:

[Secret Message Mother's Day Card](#) – School Aged

[Home Made Bath Bombs](#) – Elementary

[Technicolor Flowers](#) – School Aged

Books to Read:

[The Night Before Mother's Day](#), by Wing, Natasha

[What Not to Give Your Mother for Mother's Day](#), by Simpson, Martha Seif

[The Mother's Day Mice](#), by Bunting, Eva

Mother's Day:

It's Mother's Day. That means today is all about Mom. Everybody has a mother and absolutely no one is more special than your mom. Sure, dad is really important. And, grandparent's too. But moms, well they are just the greatest. Often taken for granted, they are always our strongest supporters. You can't do wrong in Mom's eyes. When you are hurt, or not feeling well, there is no one else that can help you more than Mom.



Plant a Vegetable Garden Day - May 19th

Activities:

[20 Gardening Activity Ideas – School Age](#)

[How To Plant a Garden – School Aged](#)

[How to Make a 3D Flower Model with Parts – School Aged](#)

Books to Read:

[Let's Plant a Garden](#), by Depken, Kristen

[Lola Plants a Garden](#), by McQuinn, Anna

[Olivia Plants a Garden](#), by Sollinger, Emily

Plant a Vegetable Garden Day:

As the old saying goes..... “Give a man some vegetables, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man how to grow a vegetable garden, and you feed his whole family for life!” On World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day, a May 19 holiday, you can begin a hobby that feeds your whole family for a lifetime.

