

# ABC Garden Labels

KINDERGARTEN

Students practice the alphabet while assisting with an important garden function. Garden labels are a great way to show and keep track of what you are growing. This project highlights the first letter of each plant and is great for early readers. The labels feature the letters of the alphabet along with fruits and vegetables from A to Z.

## SUBJECT

ART

## TIME

30 MIN

## MATERIALS

Read aloud book from the Garden Library

Access to whiteboard

Blank index cards, 1 per student

Waterproof markers, assortment of colors for students to share

Jumbo craft sticks, 1 per student

Tacky glue

Images of each plant as drawing aids (optional)

Access to a laminator

## DIRECTIONS

- Find a shady spot to gather students and read aloud a book from the Garden Library to introduce fruits and vegetables that grow there. Engage students after you read by asking what their favorite vegetable is. How do they like it prepared? Have they ever seen those vegetables growing in a garden?
- Hand out a blank index card to each student, and have waterproof markers of various colors within reach.
- Write out the names of the plants that need to be labeled, where all of the students can see them like a whiteboard or chalkboard.
- Assign a plant for each student to label.
- The students should place the card vertically in front of them.
- The label should have the first letter of the plant prominently written at the top of the card, followed by "is for (name of plant)". For example: T is for Tomato.
- To add color and interest to the label, the students can also draw a picture of the plant. Show them images of the plants, or tour the garden and point out the actual plants.
- Once labels are complete, laminate the cards, glue them to the craft sticks and have students revisit the garden to place them in the garden bed near the plant they were assigned.

## SOURCE

- BCK Programs

