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# EMERGE

Activity Book



## Bringing the BUZZ to You!

The Buzzword partners designed this kit to inspire your family to keep learning together. We chose activities that build on your child's natural curiosity, encouraging a growing vocabulary and a deeper engagement with books.

So, who's ready to unbox the BUZZ!? First, read through *Bloom Boom!*, written by **April Pulley Sayre** with your child. Then, go through the different activities, experiments, and ideas together, taking time to explain the meaning of the words and connecting them to your child's real-life experiences.

## EMERGE Book Recommendations from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

As the weather gets warmer and nature begins to EMERGE with the coming of spring, it's a great time for little ones to discover (or rediscover) the changing world around us. While it's important to get outside and explore, sharing books about spring and all the wonders that come with it is a great way to introduce new concepts and ideas to young children. Check out these titles to learn more about the world outside.

<https://bit.ly/BuzzwordSpring>



## Personalized Recommendations

Looking for a good book, album, movie, or TV show? We're happy to recommend them to you! Use this Personalized Recommendations form to send a CLP librarian some information about what you like and we'll curate a list just for you.

[www.carnegielibrary.org/match](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/match)



# Watch your art EMERGE

**Materials:** paper, white crayons, water, paintbrush, watercolor paints

**Step 1:** Use the white crayon and draw on the paper.

**Step 2:** Dip the paintbrush in water and watercolor paints.

**Step 3:** Paint over the white crayon drawing.

**Step 4:** See your drawing EMERGE under the watercolor paints.



# What EMERGES in the spring?

Spring is one of the four seasons. In Pittsburgh, spring means the weather gets warmer and it rains more often. This helps new plants begin to grow and EMERGE from the ground. Also, animals that were hiding from the cold during the winter EMERGE in the spring. What do you see EMERGING in your neighborhood?

**Materials:** clipboard with the EMERGE bingo card, crayons

**Step 1:** Find your clipboard with the EMERGE bingo card and your crayons.

**Step 2:** Look at your EMERGE bingo card with an adult. These are plants and animals that EMERGE during the spring. What do you recognize? Say each word together while pointing to the picture.

**Step 4:** With an adult, take these supplies outside and go for a walk.

**Step 5:** When you see a plant or animal from your EMERGE bingo card, color it. Once you have four in a row, you have bingo!

**Extension Activity:** After your walk, count all of the spaces you colored. How many did you find? The next time you go on a walk, take your clipboard and flip your EMERGE bingo card over to record observations of plants or animals you find. Draw what you see—like a scientist!

# EMERGE Little Seed Song

**Materials:** scarf, your body

**Step 1:** Watch the video created by the Homewood Early Learning Hub & Family Center staff and follow the step-by-step instructions.  
[bit.ly/hub-emerge-activity](https://bit.ly/hub-emerge-activity)



# What will EMERGE?

In dance, props are used to help tell a story. In this activity, you will make a tissue paper flower and then make up a dance.

**Materials:** tissue paper, scissors, pipe cleaners, imagination

- Step 1:** Place six sheets of tissue paper on top of each other with the short side facing you.
- Step 2:** Accordion fold the sheets into one-inch folds from bottom to top.
- Step 3:** In the center of the strip of paper you now have, cut "V" shaped notches on both sides to allow for the pipe cleaner to twist around the paper.
- Step 4:** Wrap the pipe cleaner around the center of the paper and secure it by twisting it together. The remaining pipe is the stem.
- Step 5:** Use scissors to round the ends to make them look like petals.
- Step 6:** Fan the paper out and gently pull the first layer upwards toward the center. Repeat for every layer.
- Step 7:** Watch the flower EMERGE.

Follow along with this video: [bit.ly/pbt-emerge-activity](https://bit.ly/pbt-emerge-activity)



## Extension Activity: Emerging Choreographer

Adults, talk with your child about what a flower symbolizes. Love? Friendship? A job well done? Have your child dance with the flower and watch their choreography EMERGE!

# Watch flowers EMERGE in a water garden of your own!

From woodlands to gardens –  
ready, set, go!  
Nature is preparing  
a flower show.

Prepare your own flower show in a colorful paper plate water garden! Your garden will have flower buds that EMERGE before your eyes. While at first the flowers are closed up, the flower petals will slowly open with the help of water in the garden (a process known as capillary action).

**Materials:** 3 square pieces of paper, paper plate, crayons, 1 cup of water

Make the flowers and buds

**Step 1:** With a grownup, fold one paper square into 4 smaller squares. Open the paper back up.

**Step 2:** On the white side of your paper, use the crayons to draw a beautiful flower. Draw colorful petals and leaves.

**Step 3:** Fold up the flower into a bud by folding each corner into the center of the square. Now you have a paper flower bud. Your drawing should not be showing.

**Step 4:** Repeat for all three flower buds, and set aside.

## Make the water garden

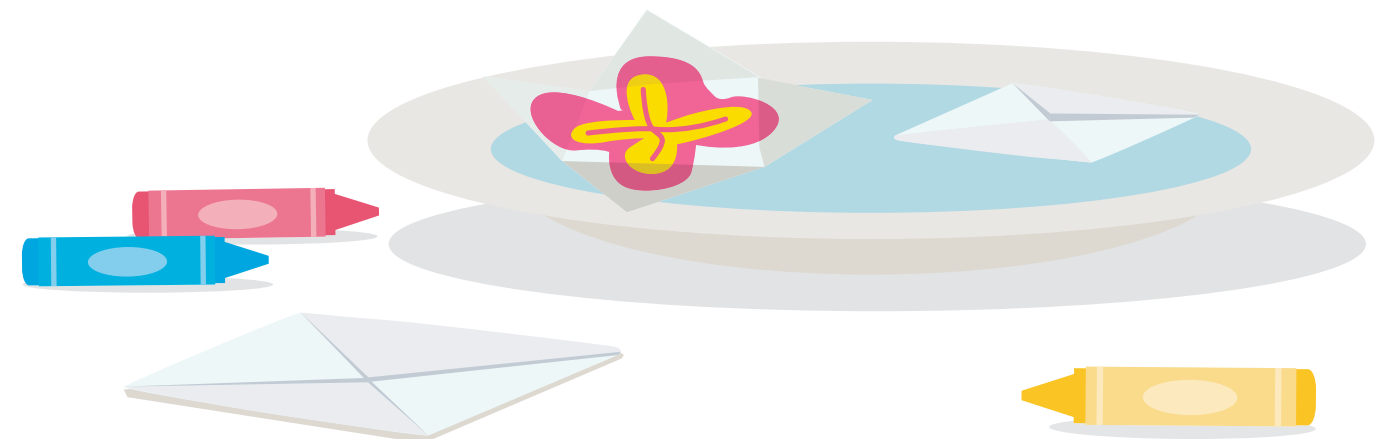
**Step 1:** Use crayons to draw on your plate. Flowers can grow in soil, water, or even mud! Get colorful!

**Step 2:** With a grownup, pour about one cup of water inside your plate.

**Step 3:** Place one paper flower bud on the water. Watch as the flower EMERGES.

**Step 4:** Repeat for the remaining flower buds.

**Extension Activity:** Make bath time bloom! Once your flowers dry completely, refold the buds and drop them into your bath water. Consider making more buds out of scrap papers of varying sizes and thicknesses. Watch carefully to see which flowers EMERGE the quickest and which EMERGE slowly.



# Planting a flower seed

Have you ever wondered how the plants outside grow? Plant a seed and watch it EMERGE as the days and weeks pass by.

**Materials:** Four peat pods, flower seed, and peat pot

**Step 1:** Unwrap your four peat pods and add two of them to the bottom of your peat pot.

**Step 2:** Add water.

**Step 3:** Add your seed.

**Step 4:** Add the next two peat pods with more water.

**Step 5:** Place your pot near a sunny spot.

**Step 6:** Water your plant about twice a week.

**Step 7:** Watch your plant EMERGE over the next few weeks.

**Extension Activity:** Watch your plant grow and track what the progress looks like. What colors do you see? Does it have leaves? How many? How many plants came from the seed you planted? Have you seen this flower before? What does it smell like?



## Research Says

From birth to age five years, young children's brains are rapidly developing. During this time, little ones are more open to learning and becoming inspired. Talking with a child helps increase vocabulary development and communication skills needed throughout life.

A child's early vocabulary skills grow in real-life settings through positive interactions and conversations about the world.

## Who Are We?

Buzzword excites children and families as they experience the words that are all around them. Through talk and PLAY that incorporates math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations throughout Allegheny County.

The Buzzword collaborative consists of partner organizations with expertise in the arts and sciences and local family centers. These partners provide interactive learning opportunities that encourage imagination, investigation, creation, and reflection. Buzzword is supported by PNC Grow Up Great® and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

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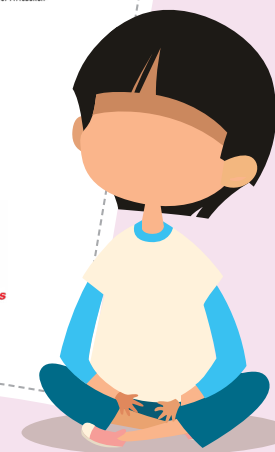


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