

Read & Seed – Flower Bookmarks

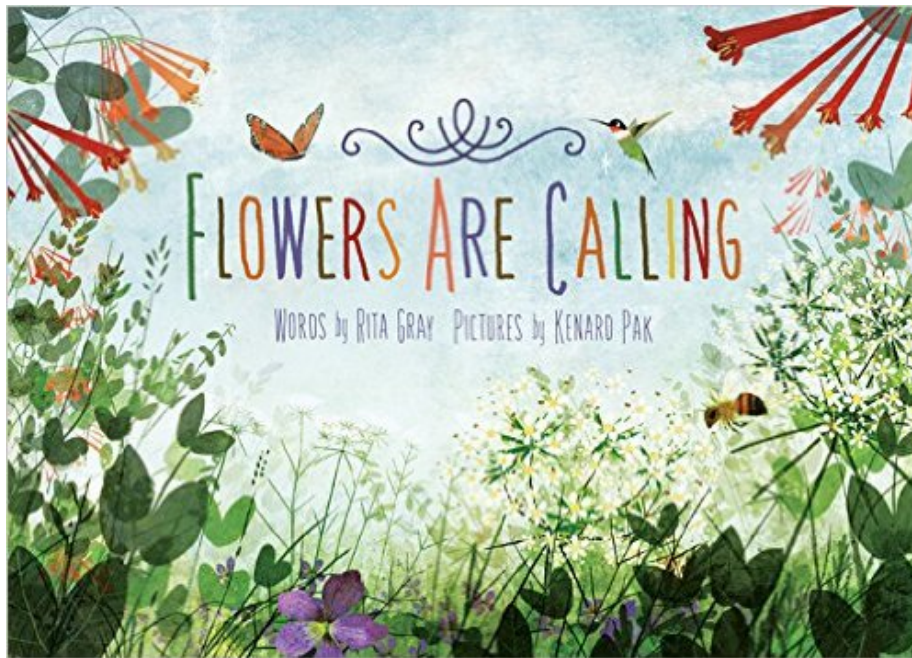
Description: The weather is getting nicer, which means the flowers are blooming and calling a few animal friends their way. This Read & Seed lesson will focus on pollinators and their very important job. We will read *Flowers are Calling* by Rita Gray and Kenard Pak, create our own flower bookmarks, and move around acting like our favorite pollinators. This lesson is aimed at connecting young learners to their natural world and promote school readiness skills.

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Flowers
- Precut card stock - about 2-3" by 5-6"
- Contact paper or clear shipping tape
- Hole punch
- Ribbon cut to about 8 inches long
- Markers (optional)

Book: *Flowers Are Calling* by Rita Gray and Kenard Pak



Movement/Music/Finger Play: Move around acting like some of the pollinators we read about in the book. Children will pretend to be a butterfly, bee, hummingbird, and bat traveling from flower to flower to collect nectar.

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Instructions:

1. Arrange the collected flowers on the piece of cardstock.
2. If desired, use markers to draw on the bookmark before the next step.
3. Lay the contact paper over the flowers, and press along the edges of the flowers, so that the contact paper is secure.
4. Fold behind or cut off any extra contact paper.
5. Punch a hole at the top of the bookmark.
6. Put the ribbon through the hole and either tie a bow or a knot to keep the ribbon in place.

Nature Connection: Collect flowers before the activity to make a bookmark with. If flowers are unavailable, gather other natural items like grasses and leaves.

