

**Longwood Gardens Community Read 2019 • Additional Readings (young readers)**

We encourage you and your child to continue reading about seeds and the natural world. You will find these titles at public libraries and local bookstores in your community.

**The Carrot Seed** / by Ruth Krauss; pictures by Crockett Johnson. (HarperCollins, 1945)

A beloved classic. “When a little boy plants a carrot seed, everyone tells him it won't grow. But when you are very young, there are some things that you just know, and the little boy knows that one day a carrot will come up.” ([www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)) Ages 4 to 8

**The Dandelion Seed** / by Joseph Anthony; illustrated by Cris Arbo. (Dawn Publications, 1997)

“A dandelion can teach much about seeds and seasons and cycles - and the big world that a wind-blown seed can travel - but it also can make us appreciate the challenges it must overcome. You may be surprised and pleased by the questions and observations of your children after reading this together.” (<http://dawnpub.com>) Ages 3 to 10

**Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move** / by JoAnn Early Macken; illustrated by Pam Paparone. (Holiday House, 2008)

“A gust of wind lifts a maple seed, sending it spinning like a shiny green helicopter through the sky. Where will it land? From splashing away in a raindrop to scurrying with scampering squirrels to hitching rides on your sleeves and socks, seeds have many ingenious ways to traveling to new places, growing roots, and beginning the cycle again.” ([www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)) Ages 6 to 9

**From Seed to Plant** / by Gail Gibbons. (Holiday House, 1991)

“Do you know how a seed begins? What pollination is? How flowers, fruits, and vegetables get to be the way they are? The mystery of how seeds are formed and grow into plants is revealed for young readers in this informative book.” ([www.holidayhouse.com](http://www.holidayhouse.com)) Ages 4 to 8

**From Seed to Pumpkin** / by Wendy Pfeffer; illustrated by James Graham Hale. HarperCollins, c2004.

“In the fall, pumpkins are everywhere: in the garden, in the supermarkets, and on doorsteps. But do you know how they grow from a tiny yellow seed to a pumpkin?” ([www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)) Ages 4 to 8



**A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds** / by Jean Richards; illustrated by Anca Hariton. (Millbrook Press, 2002)

“Many seeds travel inside fruits. The fruit is like a suitcase for the seeds. It protects them on their trip. Readers will learn how fruits are designed to protect a plant's seeds and to help the plant spread its seeds to new places.” (<https://lernerbooks.com>) Ages 4 to 8

**In a Nutshell** / by Joseph Anthony; illustrated by Cris Arbo (Dawn Publications, 1999)

“Here, in luminous illustrations, is the life cycle of an oak - and how it supports life even after it is gone. An acorn drops from a great oak and grows. Animals nibble at it, a fire threatens it, but overcoming many challenges it eventually towers high in the forest, observing the changing human scene below. Eventually its energy passes into many other life forms - even the cherry pie enjoyed by the boy in the house below.” (<https://dawnpub.com>) Ages 3 to 10

**Next Time you see a Maple Seed** / by Emily Morgan. (NSTA Kids, 2014)

“It’s fun to toss maple seeds up in the air and watch them spin down to the ground like nature’s own helicopters. This book prompts inquisitive kids to learn about these marvels of aerial engineering, including their real name (no, not whirlybird), the work they do for maple trees, and how to uncover the little trees waiting to sprout from the seeds.” ([www.nsta.org](http://www.nsta.org)) Ages 4 to 10

**A Seed is Sleepy** / by Dianna Hutts Aston; illustrated by Sylvia Long. (Chronicle Books, 2007)

“Poetic in voice and elegant in design, the book introduces children to a fascinating array of seed and plant facts.” ([www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com)) Ages 5 to 8

**The Tiny Seed** / Eric Carle. (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Children, 1987)

“Eric Carle’s classic story of the life cycle of a flower is told through the adventures of a tiny seed. Everyone will cheer for the seed’s progress as it floats across the sky, nestles in the ground, and finally grows into the giant flower it was always meant to be.” ([www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)) Ages 4 to 8

