

Teaching Focus:

Phonemic Awareness:
Rhyming

Listen to the words:
take, need, boil. Look in
the book. Can you find
a word that rhymes with
each of the words on
the list?

Tips on Reading this Book with Children:

1. Read the title.

Predictions – after reading the title have children make predictions about the book.

2. Take a book walk.

Talk about the pictures in the book. Use content words from the book as you take the picture walk.

Have children find one or two words they know as they do a picture walk.

3. Have children find words they recognize in the text.

4. Have children read the remaining text aloud.

5. Strategy Talk – use to assist children while reading.

- Get your mouth ready
- Look at the picture
- Think...does it make sense
- Think...does it look right
- Think...does it sound right
- Chunk it – by looking for a part you know

6. Read it again.

7. Complete the activities at the end of the book.

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A seed holds the beginnings of a plant's first **roots, stem,** and leaves.

A tiny plant waits inside each seed.



A seed ready to grow.



Roots begin to grow.



Roots grow bigger.

Glossary

bulb (BUHLB): the part of a plant where food is stored and from which a new plant can grow

decay (dee-KAY): to break down and rot

life cycle (LIFE SY-kuhl): the never-ending process by which animals and plants begin, reproduce, and die

nutrients (NOO-tree-uhnts): minerals and other chemicals in the soil that are needed by plants to stay healthy and grow

reproduce (ree-proh-DOOS): to make more plants, often by way of seeds

roots (ROOTS): plant parts that are usually underground and take in water and nutrients for the plant to grow and stay healthy

shoot (SHOOT): a new plant stem

stem (STEM): the part of the plant that connects the roots to the leaves