



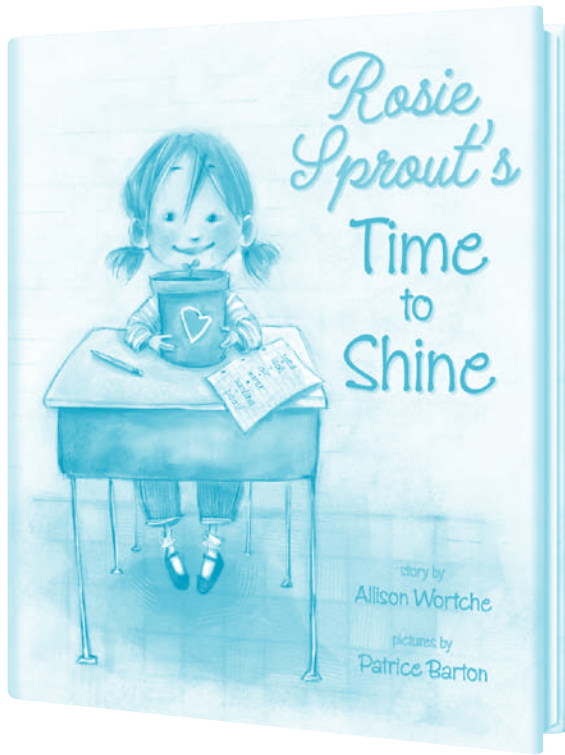
# Rosie Sprout's Time to Shine

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Violet runs the fastest, sings the highest, looks the fanciest, and talks the loudest. Everyone agrees that she's the best.

Except Rosie. Rosie isn't fast, or loud, or fancy, but she's tired of hearing that Violet is the best.

When their class grows pea plants, Rosie's and Violet's are the first to sprout! But Violet's is a little taller. So Rosie pushes some soil over Violet's sprout to slow it down. And for a moment, Rosie's plant is the best—but she feels terrible. And she feels even worse when she learns that Violet has the chicken pox.

So for the next two weeks, Rosie waters her plant—and Violet's too. She turns them in the sun, and sings them quiet growing songs. And her teacher says that Rosie is the best gardener she's ever had. Definitely the best.

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# Rosie Sprout's Word Search

## Directions:

Rosie Sprout grows the tallest pea plants in her class. Circle the words below that every young gardener should know.

AIR                      OXYGEN                      SEED                      SUNGLIGHT  
LEAF                      ROOT                      SOIL                      WATER

E	A	L	E	A	F	T	P	T	W
D	N	M	R	M	V	N	O	W	A
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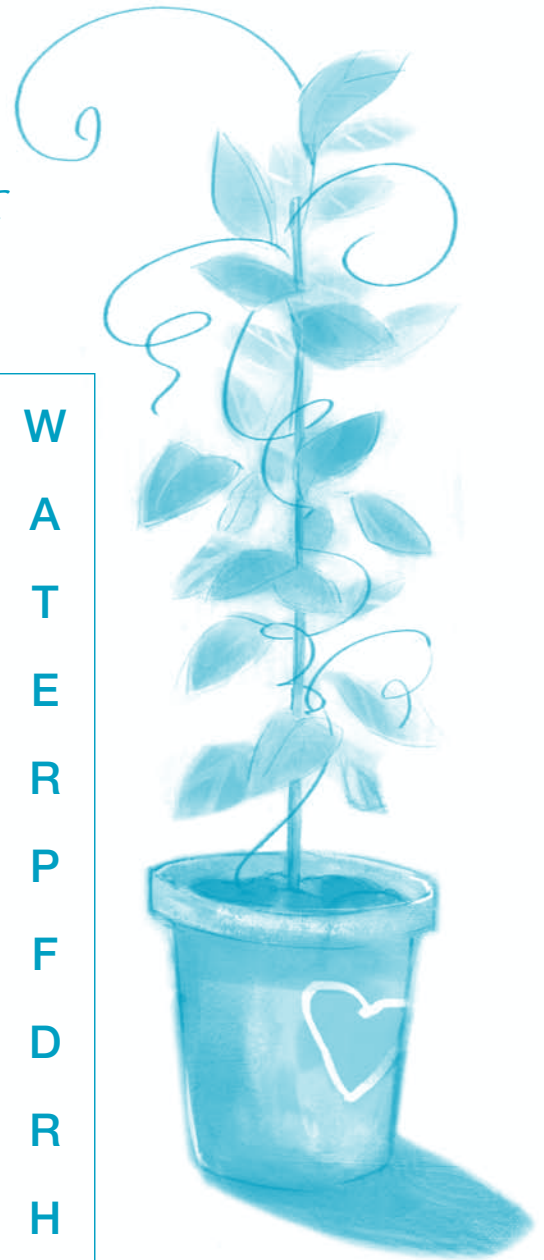


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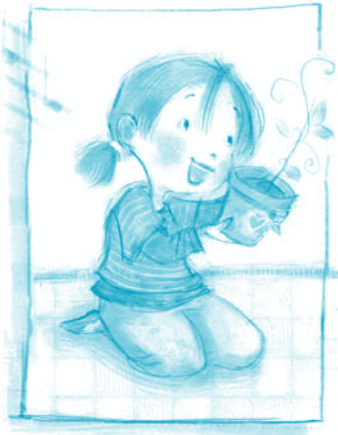
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# My Time to Shine!

## Directions:

Rosie Sprout gets her time to shine when she works very hard to grow the best pea plant in her class. When is your time to shine? Draw a picture of yourself doing the activity you most enjoy.

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# What Would You Grow?



## Directions:

In *Water, Weed, and Wait*, the children at Pepper Lane Elementary School plant a big garden filled with fruits, vegetables, and flowers with the help of Miss Marigold. Draw and label three items you would like to grow in your classroom garden.

A large, rounded rectangular area for drawing. At the bottom of this area, there are three simple line drawings of glasses, each containing a small amount of liquid. Below each glass is a horizontal line for labeling.

Why did you choose to grow these items in your garden?

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