Watching Living Things Grow

What You Need

- milk carton
- soil
- seeds
- water
- strip of paper
- pencil

Find Out

Do this activity to see how a plant grows.

Process Skills

- Observing
- Measuring
- Communicating
- Interpreting Data
- Inferring

Time

- 30 minutes to get started
- 5 minutes twice a week for three weeks
What To Do

1. Put some soil in the milk carton.
2. Plant 3–4 seeds in the soil.
3. Water the seeds.
4. Put the milk carton in a sunny place.

5. Check the milk carton every three days. Add water if the soil is dry.

6. Measure how tall the plant is growing. Mark your measurements on the strip of paper.
Draw what you saw.

- Seeds
- 1 week old
- 2 weeks old
- 3 weeks old
Conclusions

1. What happened to the seeds?

2. How did your plant change?

New Questions

1. How do you think the plant will change in the future?

2. Ask a new question you have about how plants grow and change.
Activity Journal

Lesson 1 • Looking at Living and Nonliving Things

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ACTIVITY

Identifying Living and Nonliving Things

Draw the living things you found.

UNIT A • Chapter 2: Living and Nonliving
Draw the nonliving things you saw.
Finding Out What Living Things Need

Draw what living things eat and drink.
Draw shelters of living things.
Activity Journal
Lesson 3 • Changes in Living and Nonliving Things
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Activity
Identifying Change

Predict how the wet sponge will feel.

Predict how the dry sponge will feel.
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How did the wet sponge feel?

How did the dry sponge feel?