



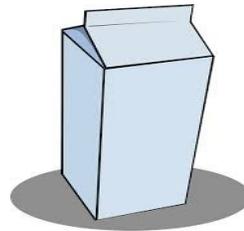
# GARDEN ACTIVITY

## Recycled Plant Pots

REUSE YOUR MILK CARTONS TO START A CLASSROOM GARDEN!

### Supplies Needed:

- Variety of fall season seeds (collard greens, broccoli, spinach, cabbage, cauliflower)
- Class set of cardboard milk cartons
- Scissors and permanent pen
- Paper label stickers
- Potting soil mix



1. Save your milk carton from the lunchroom. Open the milk carton into a square. Rinse the cardboard cartons with soap and water.
2. Fill the carton 3/4 full with potting soil. On a paper label, write your name and the type of seed you're planting.
3. Have each student plant three seeds per carton. Read the seed packets to learn how deep to plant the seeds. *NOTE: As a rule of thumb, seeds should be planted twice the depth of the seed size.*
4. Water the seeds every two to three days. Keep the soil damp, but make sure the seeds are not drowning in water. It's okay to let the soil dry out a little bit. Monitor your seedlings daily and watch for the first sprout. Once the seedlings have three true leaves and are over ~ 6" tall you can plant them outside in your school garden!

Visit [www.carton2garden.com](http://www.carton2garden.com) to learn how you can transform empty cartons into cash for your school garden!



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# Seedling Growth Chart

Use this sheet to monitor the growth rate of your seedlings. Each week measure the height of the plants, count the number of leaves and see whose plant grows the fastest!



	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
SPROUT				
# LEAVES				
HEIGHT				
LEAF WIDTH				

## WINNING CATEGORIES

1ST SPROUT ~~~ 1ST TRUE LEAF ~~~ TALLEST PLANT ~~~ MOST LEAVES



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