




Reflect and Connect: Integration of Academic Content Series

Content Area: Science

Read and Take Notes

To begin, read the selected article, *A Place for Wonder: School Gardens as Sites Ripe for Learning*, by Kristin N. Rainville, Anna E. Greer, and Cristina Sandolo and published in the Winter 2021 issue of *Young Children*. As you read the article, take notes of statements that you agree with, that surprise you, and that you have questions about using the notations in the table below.

I agree with	surprise me	I have questions about
		

Reflect

1. How could you ensure student opportunities to meet standards by integrating gardening into your classroom?
2. How do you purposefully plan for language/vocabulary experiences in your classroom or school?

Connect

1. Share your notes and reflections through conversation with your team.
2. Based on your reflections, identify an initial change idea to improve your practice. Make a plan for action.
3. What resources do you need to be successful (e.g., materials, specific information, a thought partner)?
4. How will you and/or others recognize that this change was met and led to improvement?
5. Schedule a time to check back in with your team to reflect, and connect!