



## Plants on the Move

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I came across this book last spring in the gift shop of Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's botanical gardens, while visiting with my family. *Plants on the Move* features beautiful illustrations and in-depth information on the different ways plants grow—and move! This book would be wonderful for celebrating Earth Day, spring, or really any time during the year to make a cross curricular connection with science.

My favorite part of this book is the evocative movement words used to describe and group plants based on how they sprout, grow, and spread:

- Fly away
- Creep
- Fall and whirl and bounce
- Cling
- Get eaten
- Explode
- Planted by animals
- Float
- Burrow
- Cultivated

The rich illustrations bring these words to life, which can be especially helpful if you plan to use this with younger students. There are lots of possibilities for using this text in your classroom:

- Exploration of movement words from the text leading to movement sentences
- Plant names as building blocks for improvisation with unpitched, body, or pitched percussion
- Creating music and movement to illustrate a specific group of plants, in small or large group