

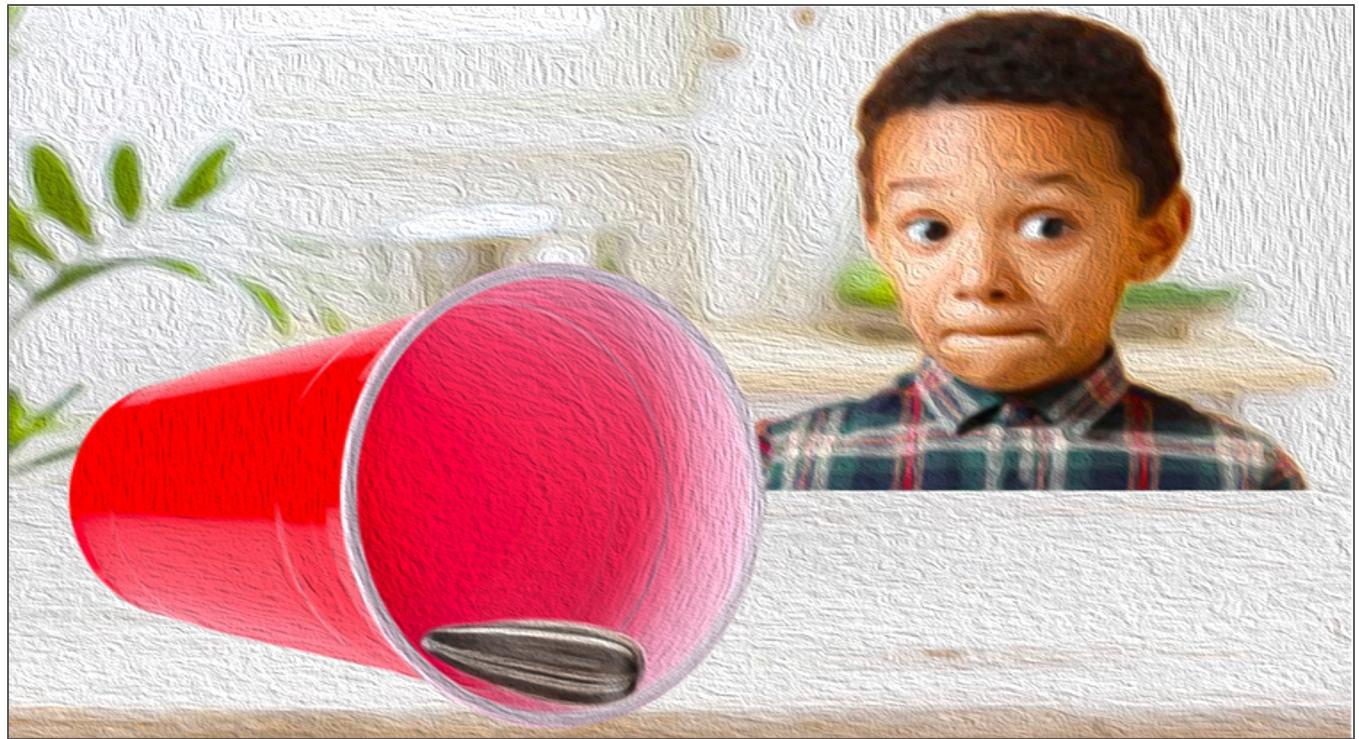
# Dash and the Seed



By Nancy Nuñez  
Illustrated by Meghan Shea



Dash has a red cup.



In the cup is a seed.



Dash has a big box full of  
soil.



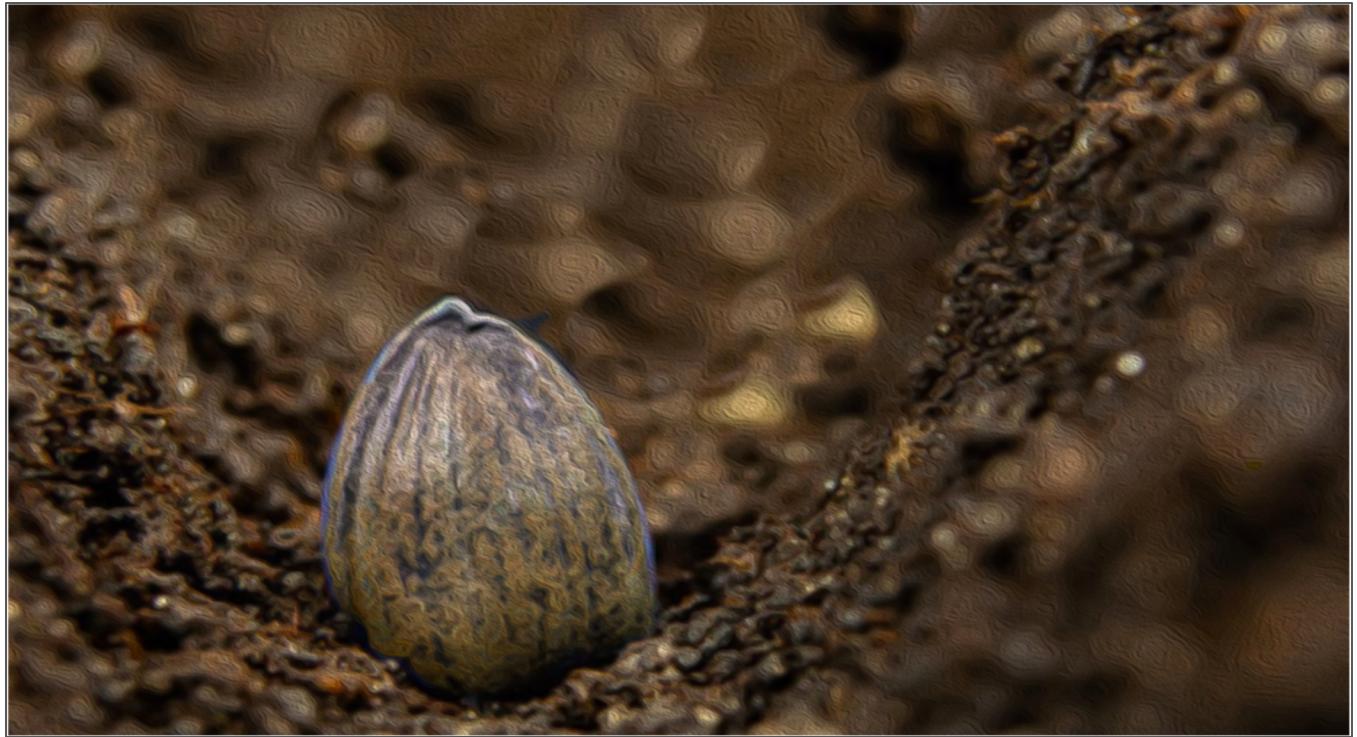
“What can I do with that  
box ?”



“Gosh, what can I do with  
this seed?”



The seed will like the hot sun.



Dash can dig and put the seed in the soil.



Then, Dash can push a big jug up the path to fill it.





Dash has to go wash up in  
the bath.



Dash has to mop up the  
wet muck.



Dash has to let it bud.



POP! Dash can see a thick bud.

“I like that bud!”



Dash has to let it get big.



Whiz ! It is not a seed!  
It is not a bud ! It is a big  
flower !



Dash will cut the stem. He will put it back in the cup for his dad.



Then, he will fill the cup with water and put it on the sill.



**“I like my dad !”**



**“This is for you, Dad !”**

## Talk about the Text

1. What did Dash do with the seed?  
Why?
1. What does Dash know about how  
plants grow?

## About the author and illustrator

My name is Nancy Nuñez. I am a K2 teacher at the Mather Elementary School in Boston!

I have been teaching for 9 years. This is my 4th year at the Mather. I went to Wheelock College for undergraduate and graduate school studying Early Childhood Education and learning to become an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher. I have two kids, Eloise (Ella) who is 6 and DJ who is 1. Some of my favorite things to do are being outside, going to the beach, and baking sweets!

But most of all I LOVE teaching kindergarten! I hope you enjoy becoming readers! #readingrules!



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Dear Readers and Artists,

My name is Meghan Shea, although many of my friends in Boston Public Schools will know me better as Ms. Shea. I teach students at the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School in East Boston, where I get to speak the Spanish I learned growing up with my Peruvian mother every day!

A few years ago, I taught first graders at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Jamaica Plain. However, the first time I saw



Jamaica Pond was when I was learning how to be a teacher in Ms. Nason's class at the Curley Elementary School many years ago. Since then, my students and I visit the pond every year.

I really like to watch birds (like ducks), go for walks, and learn new things like how to play guitar. I've always enjoyed drawing and I really like to use computer programs to make my illustrations look the way I want. What do you like to do?

Sincerely,  
Meghan Shea

# **Dash and the Seed**

*Focus on K2*  
Unit 4, Week 1

Decodability	95%
Letter-sound Focus	CVC words, digraphs
Fundations Alignment	Level K, Unit 4, Week 2
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	has, what, do, his, for
Vocabulary Words and Challenge Words	flower, seed, soil, wash, stem
Topic Connection	how plants grow

## **Set K**

Aligned with the units of study of *Focus on K2*

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