

In the Garden



By Solange Marsan
Illustrated by Meghan Shea



It is hot in the garden.



The kids dig in the muck.



They hit a worm!







No, no. I can
not pet it.





It is thin and looks wet.



Let's put it back.



It is good for the garden!



The kids dig and dig.



Buzz buzz
buzz.







No, no, do not
get rid of it!
Let it be.





It is good for
the garden, too!

About the Author



Solange Marsan

My name is Solange Marsan. I have been working in Boston Public Schools for 30 years. I was a K2 and 1st grade teacher for 25 years. I taught at the P.A. Shaw, the R. J. Murphy, the Haynes EEC and the Mattahunt.

I was born in Aux Cayes, Haiti where I spent most of my childhood speaking Haitian Creole with my friends and French at school. I spent a lot of time walking barefoot at the beach, playing “Lago Kache” (Hide and Seek) at dusk under the moonlight and reading at night sometimes under the kerosene lamp. Now, I enjoy going for long runs/walks in the woods.

For as long as I can remember, I wanted to be a teacher. I am no longer in the classroom but I help teachers so they can better support you. Maybe someday, I will see you when I visit your school. Keep on reading!

About the Illustrator

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?



Meghan Shea

Sincerely,
Meghan Shea

Teacher Guide: FK2 Unit 4 Week 2, *In the Garden*

Decodability	91%
Letter-sound focus	CVC, digraphs
Foundations Alignment	Unit 4, Week 2
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	do, too, look(s), they
Vocabulary and Challenge Words	garden, good, why, bee, worm
Topic Connection	Dirt and worms