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A GARDEN FOR FRIENDS

How about we dig up some dirt and grow a garden with a little help from our buddies?

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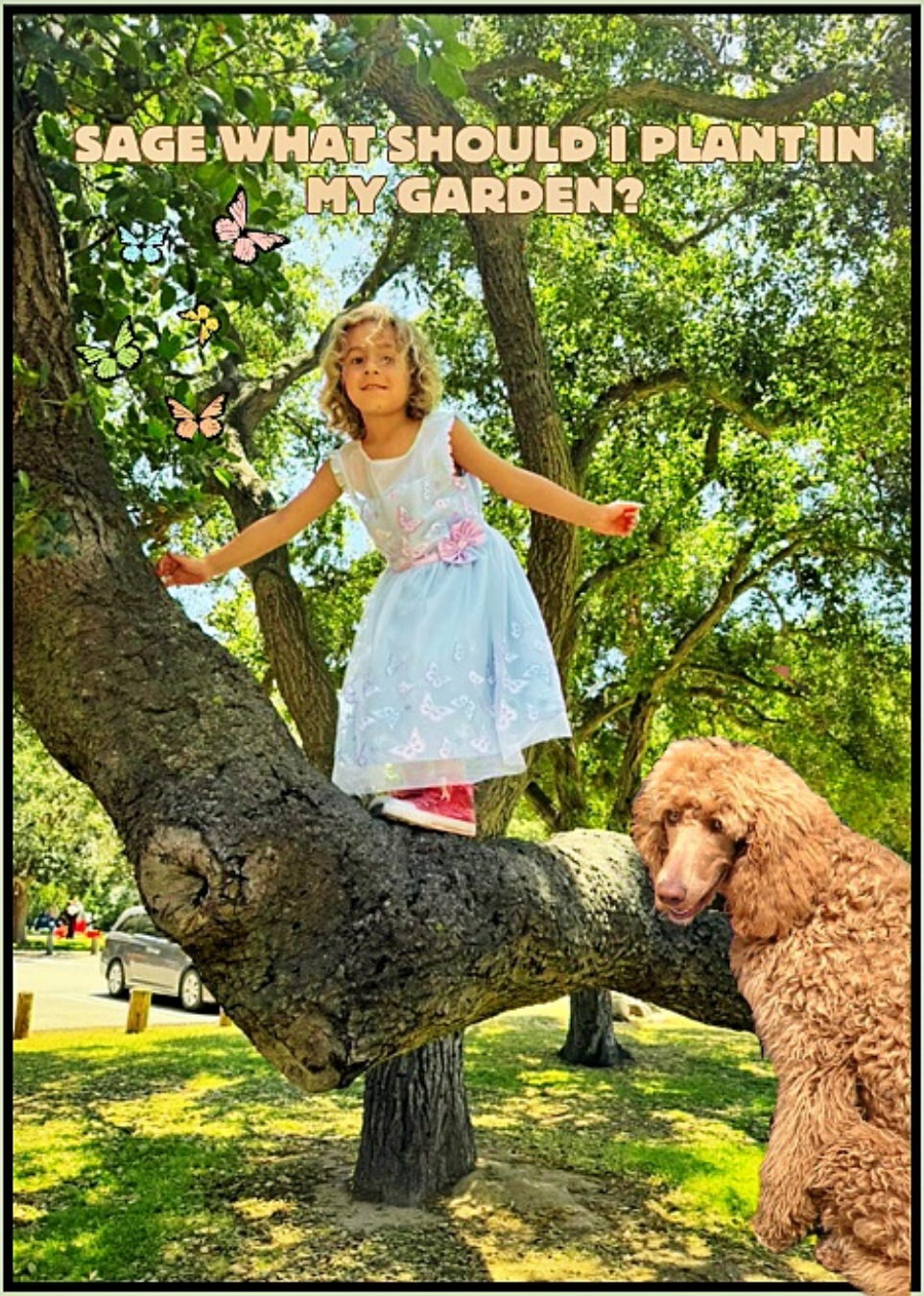
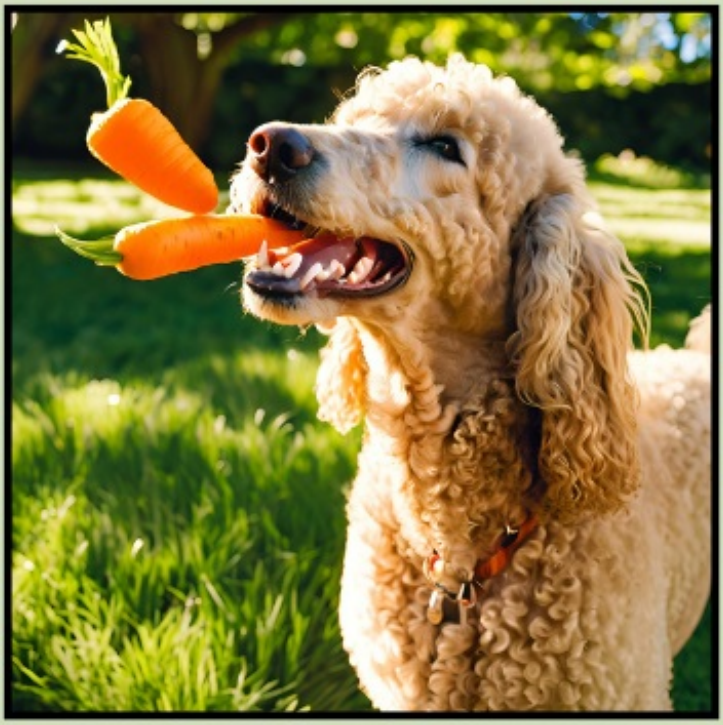
Once upon a time, in a snug little house, where Chloe, a sparkly-eyed six-year-old lived. While playing in her front yard one sunny day, a brilliant idea twinkled in her mind - she dreamt of crafting a garden, just like her beloved grandma did. But with no green thumb in sight, she turned to her squad of pals and family for some blooming advice.


SAGE WHAT SHOULD I PLANT IN MY GARDEN?

Chloe dashed to her furry pal, Sage, the wise poodle. With a wag of her tail, Sage listened as Chloe pondered, "Hey, Sage, what veggies should I grow in my garden?" Sage barked back, "Woof! Woof! Carrots, of course! Crunchy, tasty, and my personal fave!" Chloe chuckled, "Carrots it is, Sage! Let's get planting!"



Chloe plant some
Sunflowers!

Chloe then strolled over to her feathered friend, Merlyn, who was serenading from a tree branch. "Hey, Merlyn," Chloe chirped, "any ideas on what to grow in my garden?" Merlyn flapped his wings and trilled, "Tweet-tweet! How about some sunflowers? They're tall, vibrant, and will turn your garden into a sunny paradise!" Chloe beamed, "Sunflowers it is, Merlyn! My garden will be a bloomin' masterpiece!"

Chef James Larson

Later on, Chloe stumbled upon her mom in the kitchen. "Mom, what do you think I should grow in my garden?" Chloe inquired. Her mom beamed and suggested, "Why not tomatoes, dear? They're a breeze to cultivate, and we can whip up some delicious treats with them!" Chloe eagerly agreed, "Tomatoes it is, Mom! I'm already drooling just thinking about them!"

Chef James Larson
cooking show

Chloe sprinted to the living room, . "Hey, PaPa any green thumb tips for my garden?" she chirped. After a brief pause, he suggested, "Strawberries, my dear! Sweet, juicy, and perfect with a dollop of cream for dessert!" Chloe's face lit up with delight. "Yum, strawberries it is, PaPa! I'm on it!"

Sage and Chloe trotted over to Grandma's house next door when Chloe spotted Emme, the dozing furball, basking in the sun. "Hey, Emme," Chloe whispered, "got any garden ideas?" With a sleepy glance, Emme suggested, "Meow... How about some catnip? It's the cat's whiskers, and I'd be purr-oud to see it!" Chloe giggled, "You're onto something, Emme! Catnip it is!"

At last, Chloe trotted to the meadow to chat with her horse, Daniel. "Hey, Daniel, any ideas on what to sow in my garden?" she inquired, giving his velvety nose a gentle stroke. Daniel let out a soft whinny and suggested, "Why not plant some apples, Chloe? They dangle from trees, and they're my top pick!" Grinning, Chloe replied, "Apples it is, Daniel! I'll grow an apple tree just for you."

Armed with a garden full of brilliant ideas, Chloe embarked on a planting extravaganza! As she dug, planted, and watered her garden, Sage lent a paw by digging holes for carrot seeds. Up above, Merlyn chirped a cheerful tune. Even her parents joined in, guiding her in planting tomatoes and strawberries like pros!

Chloe's garden turned into a mini jungle! Carrots waving hello, sunflowers reaching for the stars, and tomatoes blushing into red. Strawberries showing off their delicate white blooms, while tiny green berries played peekaboo. Not forgetting the special catnip for Emme and an apple tree for Daniel - Chloe's

Chloe discovered that with a sprinkle of help from her gang of pals and family, she could whip up something truly magical. Her garden wasn't just bursting with tasty treats and stunning blooms but also overflowed with heaps of love and giggles.

Since that moment, Chloe made a pact with her garden to be a haven of joy for her dear ones. She eagerly anticipated the surprises she'd sow in the upcoming year!

CHOOSE YOUR GREEN SQUAD

BEGIN WITH THE NEWBIE-FRIENDLY GANG LIKE SUNFLOWERS, MARIGOLDS, RADISHES, OR CHERRY TOMATOES. HANDPICK A HANDFUL OF SEEDS THAT CATCH YOUR EYE.

SKETCH THE GARDEN: DESIGN A MINI-GARDEN BLUEPRINT TO ASSIGN SPOTS FOR EACH GREEN BUDDY.

LET'S PLANT GARDEN!

CHOOSE A LOCATION: FIND A SUNNY SPOT IN YOUR YARD OR USE A FEW POTS IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GARDEN SPACE. MAKE SURE THE AREA GETS AT LEAST 6 HOURS OF SUNLIGHT DAILY.

DIG AND LOOSEN SOIL: TO DIG AND LOOSEN THE SOIL WITH A SMALL SPADE OR HANDS. IF USING POTS, FILL THEM WITH POTTING SOIL.
ADD COMPOST: MIX IN A LITTLE COMPOST TO HELP THE PLANTS GROW STRONG.

PLANT THE SEEDS

MAKE SMALL HOLES: USE FINGERS OR A STICK TO POKE SMALL HOLES IN THE SOIL. FOLLOW THE SEED PACKET INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOW DEEP TO PLANT THEM.
PLACE THE SEEDS: DROP ONE OR TWO SEEDS INTO EACH HOLE. COVER THEM LIGHTLY WITH SOIL.

GIVE THOSE SEEDS A SPRINKLE OF LOVE! WATER THE SOIL GENTLY, LIKE A DELICATE RAINFALL, WITHOUT SENDING THE SEEDS ON A WILD WATER RIDE.

KEEP THE SOIL COZY, NOT SOGGY! PEEK IN DAILY TO MAKE SURE IT'S JUST RIGHT.

GET READY FOR THE GREEN PARTY! LOOK OUT FOR SPROUTS MAKING THEIR GRAND ENTRANCE AFTER A FEW DAYS. !

"WHY GROW VEGETABLES?"

WHY GROW VEGGIES IN THE DIRT,
WHEN PLAYING'S FUN AND NEVER HURTS?
WELL, HERE'S A SECRET, JUST FOR YOU,
VEGGIES ARE MAGIC—IT'S TRUE, IT'S TRUE!

YOU PLANT A SEED SO SMALL AND ROUND,
THEN WATCH IT WIGGLE UNDERGROUND.
UP POPS A SPROUT WITH LEAVES SO GREEN,
IT'S LIKE THE COOLEST THING YOU'VE SEEN!

CARROTS DIVE DOWN, POTATOES HIDE,
TOMATOES GROW WITH SO MUCH PRIDE!
CUCUMBERS STRETCH, SO LONG AND THIN,
AND PUMPKINS SMILE WITH ORANGE SKIN!

VEGGIES MAKE YOUR TUMMY STRONG,
THEY HELP YOU GROW YOUR WHOLE LIFE LONG!
SO DIG AND PLANT, AND WATER TOO,
THE MAGIC OF VEGGIES IS WAITING FOR YOU!

Congratulations

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY