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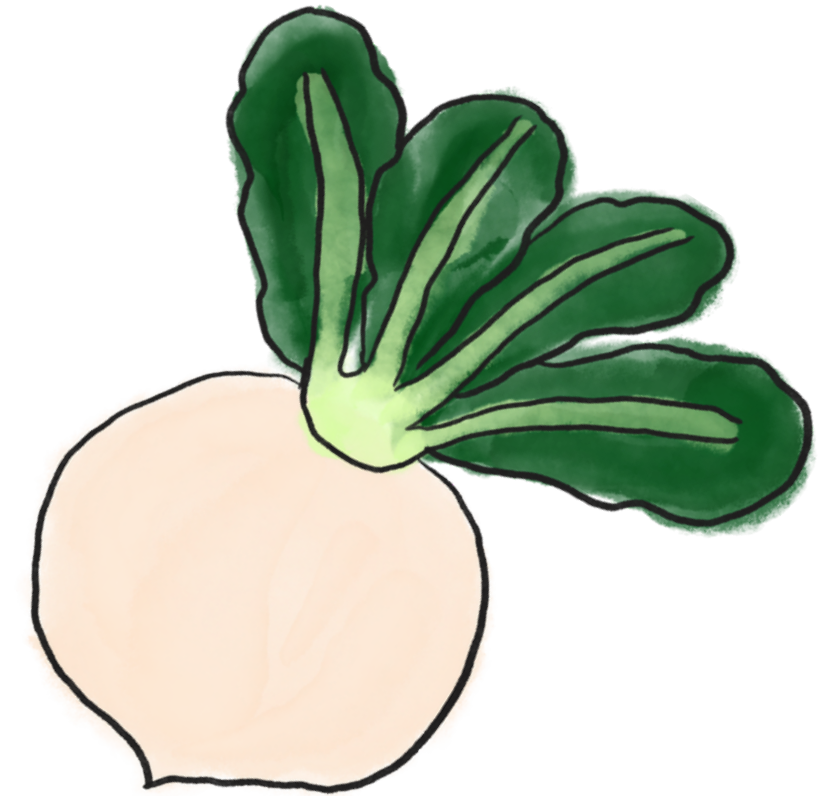
Specialty Crop Art and Craft

Week 6

Week 6: Specialty Crop Art & Craft

Program Focus:

- Read a story about visiting a farmers' market.
- Explore colorful specialty crops.
- Create art using vegetable stamps.
- Talk about shapes, colors, and textures in agriculture.



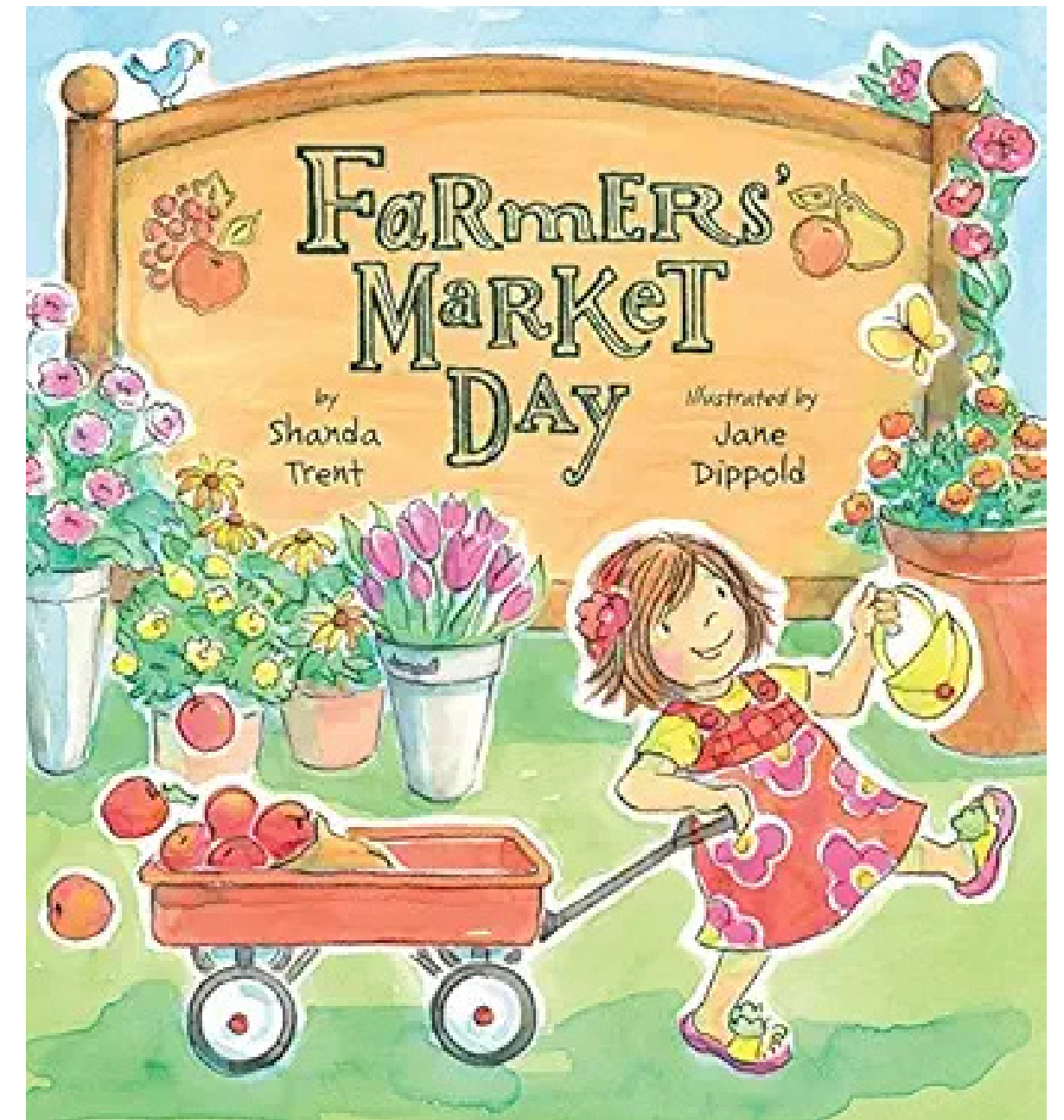
Turnips are an excellent, fast-growing cool-season specialty crop in West Virginia, ideal for spring or late summer planting.



Book of the Week:

Farmer's Market Day By: Shanda Trent

An enthusiastic and slightly clumsy little girl searches for yummy treats at the farmer's market, where she finds forests of broccoli trees, rainbows of flowers, freshly baked breads and a cuddly kitten.





Story Discussion

- What kinds of foods did she see at the market?
- What colors did you notice?
- Have you ever been to a farmers market?
- What would YOU buy with your piggy bank money?

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Specialty Crops Review

Past Program Focus:

- Week 2: We became farmers and customers during our farmers market role-play and learned how specialty crops are grown and sold.
- Week 3: We tasted specialty crops and discovered how they become delicious foods, like vegetable pizza!

Week 6 Program Focus:

- Now we are looking at specialty crops in a brand-new way, through art and creativity!





What Makes Crops Special?

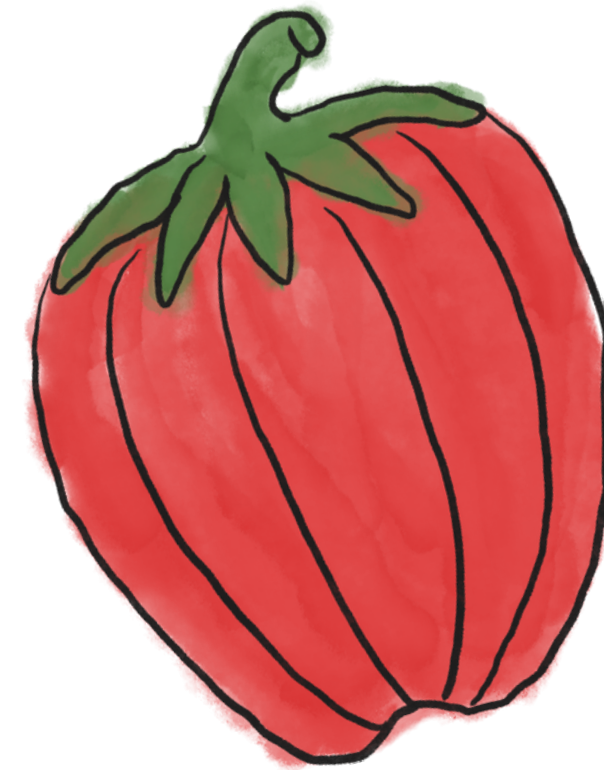
Look closely at fruits and vegetables:

- Colors – red tomatoes, orange carrots, green peppers
- Shapes – round apples, long cucumbers, leafy lettuce
- Textures – bumpy, smooth, leafy, juicy

Week 6 Activity: Vegetable Stamp Art

Activity Focus:

- Choose a Speciality Crop to cut in half.
- Dip them in paint.
- Press them onto paper.
- Create patterns, gardens, or market scenes.



Stamp Idea:
Use a bell pepper to make a flower shape or an
apple for circles!

Connecting Art & Agriculture

Farmers & Artists Similarities:

- Use creativity.
- Work with natural materials.
- Appreciate color and beauty.
- Share their work with the community.

Reflection Questions:

- Which vegetable made your favorite stamp?
- What colors did you use?
- Did your print surprise you?
- Why are specialty crops important to farmers markets?