



A LETTER TO EDUCATORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Educators & Administrators,

We are delighted to welcome your students to “The Tale of Peter Rabbit: Beyond The Garden Gate”, an engaging live theater experience that brings a beloved story to life through original music, dance, colorful characters, humor, and audience participation.

As Peter Rabbit ventures beyond the garden gate, students follow a story filled with curiosity, choices, consequences, and discovery. Peter's adventure begins when he ignores his mother's instructions and enters Mr. McGregor's garden, creating a natural opportunity for young audiences to explore the importance of listening to trusted adults, making safe choices, and learning from our decisions.

The production also introduces students to a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables through music and storytelling, encouraging conversations about healthy eating, nutrition, and where our food comes from. The show's garden is filled with everything from carrots and peppers to broccoli, kale, spinach, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, and more.

Most importantly, this experience is designed to make learning active, memorable, and fun. Through live performance, students are invited to connect literacy, social-emotional learning, health and wellness, and arts education in a way that extends beyond the classroom.

To continue the learning before and after your visit, participating schools will receive a Peter Rabbit Study Guide featuring age-appropriate classroom activities connected to the themes and lessons of the production.

We hope “The Tale of Peter Rabbit: Beyond The Garden Gate” sparks meaningful classroom conversations, inspires healthy choices, introduces students to the magic of live theater, and reminds young audiences that even when we make a wrong turn, we can learn, grow, and find our way home.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students!

Warmly,

bergenPAC's Performing Arts School

What Students Gain from “The Tale of Peter Rabbit: Beyond The Garden Gate”

“The Tale of Peter Rabbit: Beyond The Garden Gate” combines live theater with educational themes that support classroom learning and whole-child development. Through music, storytelling, and audience interaction, students explore healthy choices, personal safety, responsibility, literacy, and the arts. The production itself specifically emphasizes nutritious foods and child safety.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Encouraging Healthy Choices

Students are introduced to a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables while exploring healthy eating and where food comes from.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Choices, Consequences & Responsibility

Peter's adventure encourages conversations about listening, self-control, responsibility, problem-solving, and learning from our choices.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Listening to Trusted Adults

Students explore why trusted adults establish boundaries and the importance of following rules designed to keep us safe.

LITERACY & STORYTELLING

Bringing Literature to Life

Students experience character, setting, sequence, conflict, and resolution while seeing how a story transforms into live theater.

ARTS EDUCATION

Experiencing Live Theater

Music, acting, dance, costumes, and audience interaction introduce students to musical theater while encouraging creativity and imagination.

CROSS-CURRICULAR LEARNING

From the Garden to the Classroom

The garden setting creates connections to science and health through plants, vegetables, nutrition, and the natural world.

Continue the Learning! Explore the classroom activity pages that follow!



PETER
RABBIT

The Musical

BEYOND THE
GARDEN
GATE

The Bergen Performing Arts Center Presents:

The Tale of Peter Rabbit: The Musical



An adaptation faithful to the classic story by Beatrix Potter

*Written and composed by
Amelia DeMayo & Glenn Gordon*

*Directed by
Gail & Buddy Crutchfield*

At first Peter enjoys his freedom, and the vegetable treats in Mr. McGregor's garden, but he soon discovers why his mother warned him to stay away from there. Along his journey to find his way out of the garden, he runs into several characters. Some of them are helpful, some not, and in the end it is up to Peter, himself, to find his way home.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit: The Musical uses acting, singing, and music to tell the story of Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit to a live audience. We hope to use a fun and entertaining way of bringing not only the adventure of Peter Rabbit to you, but also the message of the importance of listening to the people who care about us when they are trying to keep us safe.

MR. MCGREGOR'S VEGETABLE GARDEN

Peter LOVES vegetables -all kinds! He loves their bright colors, and their different flavors -and they're so healthy to eat! Below are some vegetables that grow in Mr. McGregor's garden -as you count how many of each Peter has eaten, color them in!

Onions _____

Broccoli _____

Celery _____

Carrots _____

Tomatoes _____

Corn _____

Peas _____

Strawberries _____



What do you think is Peter's favorite thing to eat? How many did he eat? _____

What do you think Peter liked the least? How many did he eat? _____

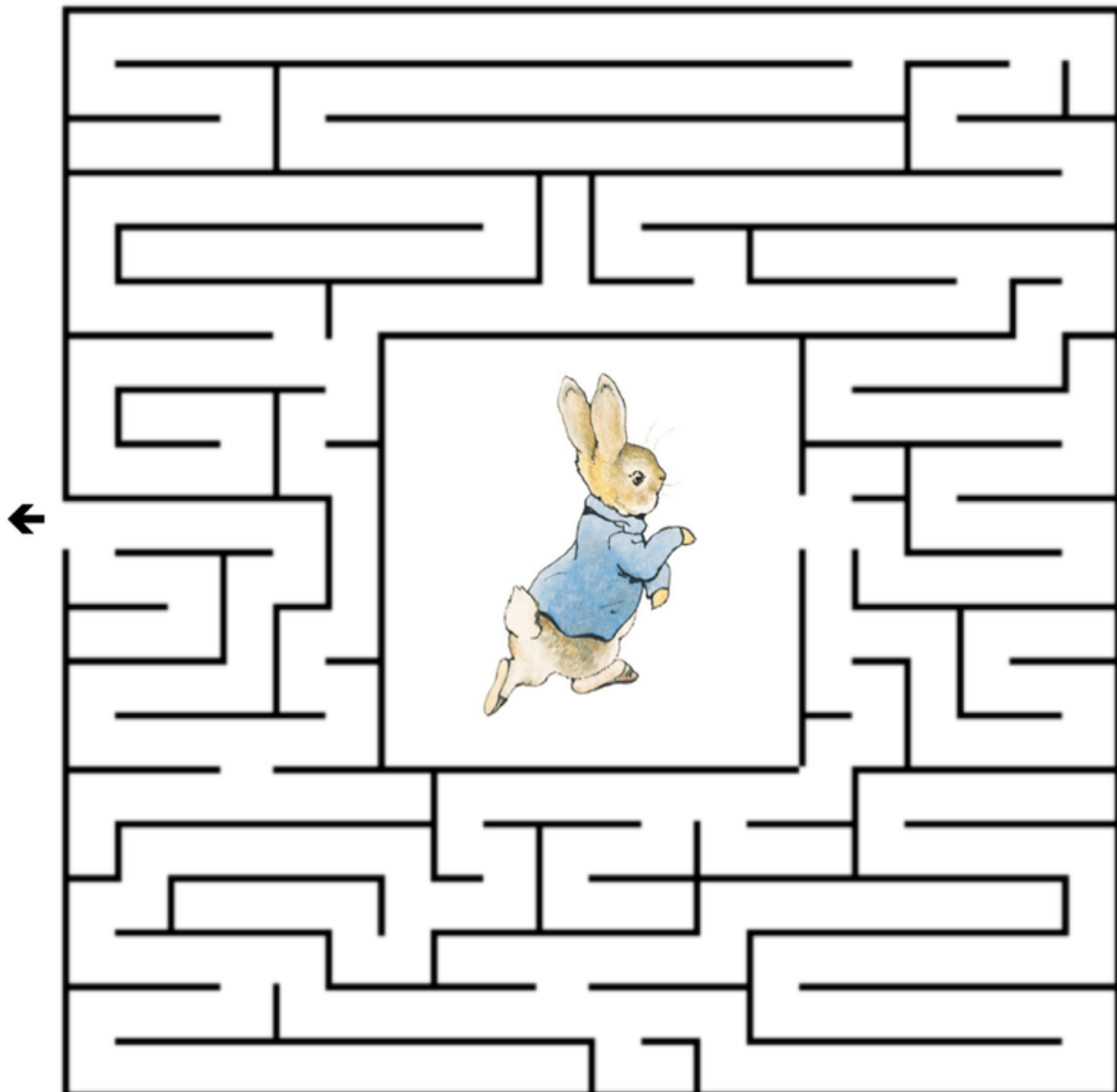
What vegetable or fruit do you like best? _____

What vegetable or fruit do you like least? _____

DID YOU KNOW?

- Female rabbits are called DOES.
- Male rabbits are called BUCKS.
- Baby rabbits are called KITTENS.
- A group of wild rabbits is called a COLONY or WARREN.
- Rabbits eat only PLANTS.
- Most rabbits live in underground tunnels called BURROWS.
- Rabbits have 5 TOES on their FRONT PAWS and 4 TOES on their BACK PAWS.

Help Peter find his way out of Mr. McGregor's Garden!



Z M A G M J F I U Z
 D F I F O E Y M U X
 O X P L P A F O C V
 D P E O S T A U E M
 B I T P Y E R S G U
 I E E S J A M E F Y
 R N R Y H C A T I H
 D Y C B U N N Y S I
 C L Z W Z U P W H Y
 J N W P E A Q K T U



PETER

FLOPSY

MOPSY

BUNNY

PEA

FARM

CAT

MOUSE

FISH

TEA

PIE

BIRD



DID YOU KNOW?

The world's largest rabbit weighs 55 pounds and is over four feet long!

The longest ears ever on a rabbit were 31 inches long!

The longest jump by a rabbit was 9 FEET 9 inches!

Match the color to the number to fill in the drawing.



1 = Brown

4 = Pink

2 = Green

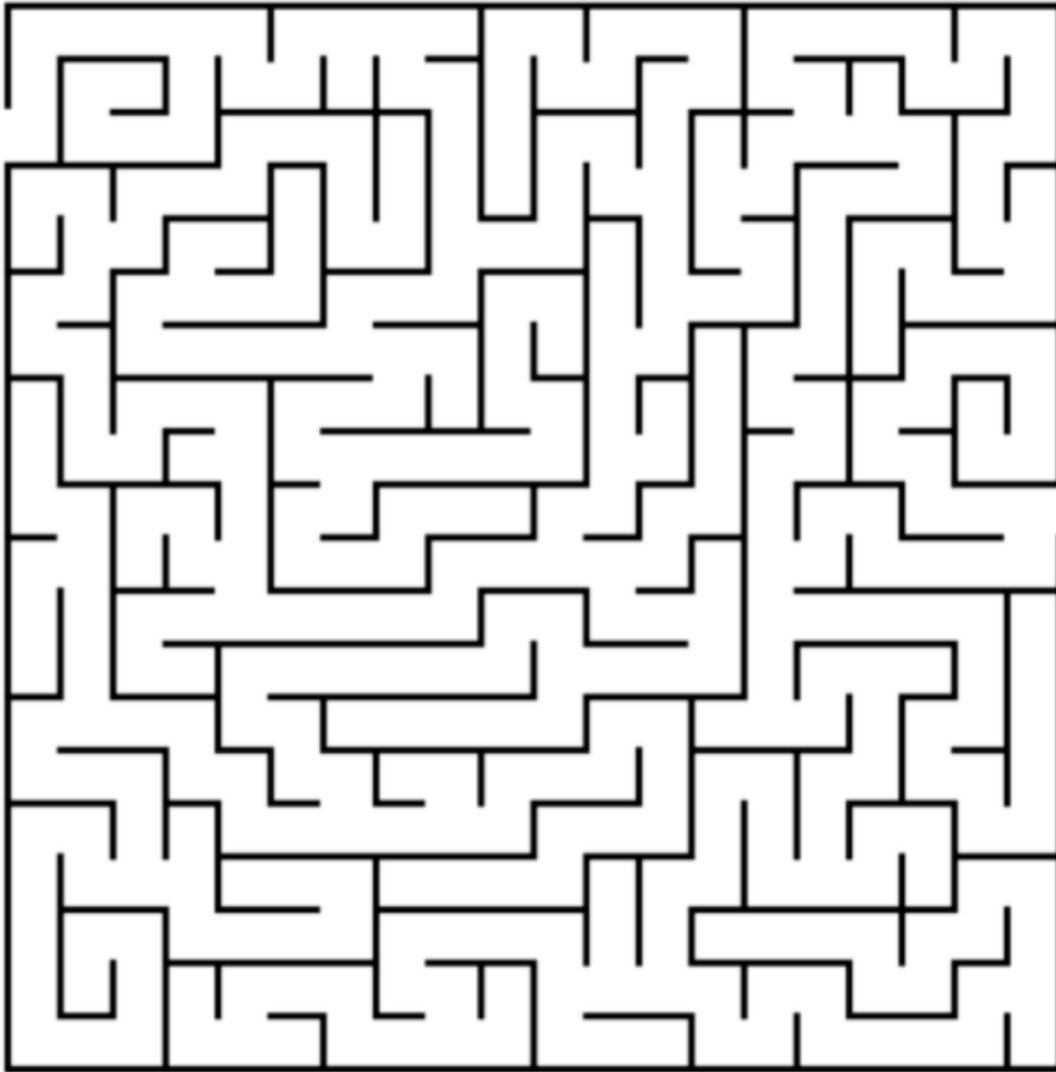
5 = Blue

3 = Red

6 = Tan

Grades 2 - 3
Fun Facts & Activities

Help Peter find his way back to his family.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Rabbits are found on every continent EXCEPT ANTARCTICA
- Rabbits eat only PLANTS; mainly GRASS, CLOVERS, WILD FLOWERS and FARM CROPS.
- COTTONTAIL RABBITS live in WOODS, FIELDS, near FARMS and even in OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
- RABBITS are different from HARES.
 - Hares have longer ears and back legs.
 - Hares live in simple nests above ground - not in tunnels underground.
 - Hares are born with fur, and their eyes open. Baby rabbits are born with no fur, and closed eyes.

FIND THE WORDS THAT ARE PART OF PETER'S STORY

N H M O U S E N Q R C D X E I A
 V L E T T U C E J B F A R M E R
 W H Q P P O T P I E E N C A L R
 R C O B F B V Y E N J G P L D P
 J N Z M O E S A A J U E O L E Z
 W L C F E P L T X A N R I P I B
 Y V Q F O E Y E M M T A Q E R R
 T P A L F E D J F I T D O T C P
 G S F Q L I S M M N E Y G E A W
 R L S S H B M M O P S Y K R R U
 X C R U I G E T Y T Z B L Y R P
 W A T B X T T F B Z H R G U O D
 P C G P A O N N J U M E V E T R
 N S R G C D I W O F Q L R Y S D
 S Y G O L D F I S H I Z I L Z L
 M T K G A R D E N J I J S G R F

BENJAMIN
 CARROT
 COTTONTAIL
 DANGER
 FARMER
 FLOPSY
 GARDEN
 GATE
 GOLDFISH
 HIDE

HOME
 LETTUCE
 MOPSY
 MOTHER
 MOUSE
 PARSLEY
 PETER
 POTPIE
 SAFE
 TROLL



VEGETABLE and FRUIT FACTS & ACTIVITIES

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There are so many different vegetables to choose from, and each one is just as healthy as the next. See if you can unscramble the words below that name a vegetable or nutrient.

AELK _____

REBIF _____

MSNVITAI _____

BACBGAE _____

ELCEYR _____

UETLTC _____

LACMUIC _____

PERPEP _____

TRCARO _____

TEBE _____

OCILCOBR _____

OATTMO _____

RAINBOW FOR HEALTH

Peter Rabbit dreams of a garden that's a symphony of colors. The more colorful a vegetable or fruit is, the more likely it is it's filled with vitamins and nutrients that make it healthy to eat. Using the word bank below, list the vegetables and fruits according to their place in the rainbow.

RED: _____

ORANGE: _____

YELLOW: _____

GREEN: _____

BLUE/PURPLE: _____



PLUMS
TOMATOES
CORN
PEPPERS
SUMMER SQUASH
GRAPES
APPLES
KALE

CARROTS
BEETS
CANTALOUPE
EGGPLANT
ONIONS
BROCCOLI
BUTTERNUT SQUASH

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please drop us a line and let us know what you thought of our musical -we would love to hear what you have to say. Send your letters to:

The Performing Arts School at bergenPAC
ATTN: School Time Series
1 Depot Square
Englewood, NJ 07631

Or email us at gguerrero@bergenpac.org , Subject Line: PETER RABBIT.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____

CITY, STATE: _____

DATE: _____

Dear School Time Series,

My favorite character in The Tale of Peter Rabbit: The Musical was:

_____.

My favorite song was: _____.

The part of the Peter's story I liked best was when _____

Please let us know anything else you have to say!
