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The Harvest Grove Gazette

Harvest Grove Children's Books

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Welcome to our very first issue!

There's always something growing in Harvest Grove.

Sometimes it's a new story. Sometimes it's a new fairy. And sometimes an idea takes us down a garden path we never expected to follow!

The Harvest Grove Gazette is where we'll share a little of what's happening behind the scenes- new adventures we're working on, characters taking shape, free activities for kids, peeks at how our stories are created, and a few surprises along the way.

So come see what's happening in Harvest Grove.

We're glad you're here.

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Meet Us in Harvest Grove

What’s Growing in Harvest Grove?

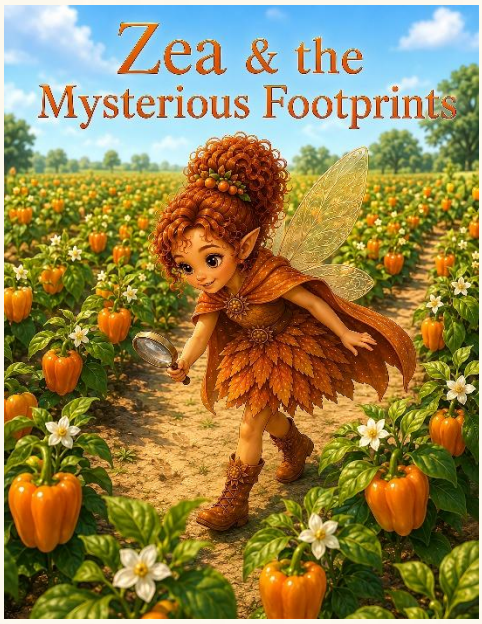
It’s been busy in the Grove!

Two new adventures have recently joined the Harvest Grove collection.

Zea Zeaxanthin followed a trail of mysterious footprints through her orange pepper garden-and discovered a very unexpected visitor at the end of them.

And **Lyla Lycopene** had a much bigger problem on her hands. Her tomatoes simply would not ripen, including one particularly enormous tomato with an equally enormous heart.

Both stories began with real plants and real phytonutrients, but-as usually happens around here-the fairies had other ideas about where the adventures would go.



Meet Zea

Meet Lyla

The Story Behind the Story

A New Fairy is Taking Shape!

If you're new to Harvest Grove, here's a little secret behind our stories. Each Harvest Grove adventure is a magical, make-believe backstory about how a fruit, vegetable, herb, or spice came to have one of the real phytonutrients found in it today. Our fairies are named for those phytonutrients, and in each story, a fairy's special gift becomes connected to the food where it can really be found. The science is real. **How it happened in Harvest Grove is where the magic begins.**

Meet **Quinn Quercetin**, the apple fairy currently making her way into Harvest Grove. Quinn has actually been waiting in the wings for quite a while. We knew her name. We knew she belonged with the apple trees, because apples really do contain quercetin. And we knew quercetin would become her special gift in the story.

We even knew allergies and pollen would somehow become part of her adventure.

There was just one tiny problem. **We didn't have a story.** So we started experimenting.

Could the garden become so wild that pollen was flying everywhere? Could the animals accidentally make the problem worse? Could everyone try ridiculous ways to get rid of the pollen?

At one point, we even considered having someone remove all the apples because they thought *that* would solve the pollen problem.

It wouldn't. That idea went into the compost pile. 😂 And that's part of creating Harvest Grove.

Before one of our stories reaches a child, ideas are tried, questioned, researched, changed-and sometimes tossed out completely.

Quinn's adventure is still growing, and we're documenting the journey **while it happens**. Want to see how a Harvest Grove story grows from an idea into a finished book?

Read The Story Behind the Story to see Quinn's character designs, the science we're working through, the ideas we've tried, the wrong turns we've taken-and whatever happens next.

Follow Quinn's Story

What’s Coming Next?

There’s plenty still growing in Harvest Grove!

Quinn Quercetin is next in line, and we'll be following her from those first troublesome ideas all the way to her finished apple adventure.

And waiting just behind her are two familiar faces who are getting ready to return…

Alpha & Beta Carotene!

The pumpkin twins are coming back with a newly reimagined adventure just in time for pumpkin season.

New stories. New adventures. And probably a few ideas that will end up in the compost pile along the way. 😂

We can’t wait to show you what grows next.

A Little Something to Do

Looking for a little Harvest Grove fun away from the stories?

Our **Harvest Grove Welcome Pack** has just had a BIG makeover! It now includes **44 pages** of activities, puzzles, coloring pages, creative challenges, and plenty of room for kids to use their imaginations.

Kids can search for silly mistakes in the garden, discover what comes next in a fairy pattern, match mysterious shadows, finish colorful produce, design their own fairy garden, create a Harvest Grove fairy- and lots more.

And, of course, there are plenty of Harvest Grove coloring pages tucked inside too.

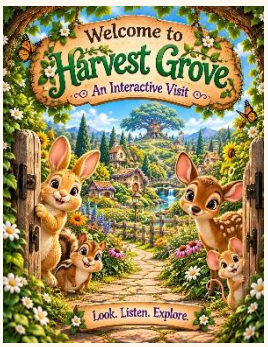
The whole pack is **free to download and print**.

Get the Free Welcome Pack!

Explore Harvest Grove for Free!

Our new **Interactive Visitor's Guide** gives you a free way to step inside the world of Harvest Grove.

Begin with the map, then choose where you'd like to go. Clickable links lead to individual garden pages filled with the fairies, characters, animals, and beautiful places of Harvest Grove, or to the website where you can discover each character's story.



Like our digital books, the Guide has realistic page-turning and audio, giving families a taste of the interactive reading experience our books offer. It's a fun, free way for parents, grandparents, teachers, homeschool families, and librarians to explore Harvest Grove before choosing a story.
Explore the Interactive Visitor's Guide →

Visit our **Free** page

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WORD SEARCH

Can you find all 13 Harvest Grove foods hidden below?

Words can go across, down, diagonal, and backward!

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

FIND THESE WORDS:

- GARLIC
- PLUMS
- PUMPKIN
- BERRIES
- APPLES
- TURMERIC
- CLOVES
- GRAPES
- TOMATOES
- PEPPERS
- SPINACH
- BROCCOLI
- ORANGES

From our grove
to your table!
♥

From the Real Garden

September is almost here-and that means apple season!

Here in New Jersey, apple harvest begins in late summer and continues well into fall, with different varieties ripening at different times.

And those different colors aren't just pretty.

The reds, greens and yellows we see in apples come from naturally occurring plant compounds. Apples also contain **quercetin**, a phytonutrient found especially in their skin.

That's one reason our own Quinn Quercetin found her home among the apple trees of Harvest Grove.

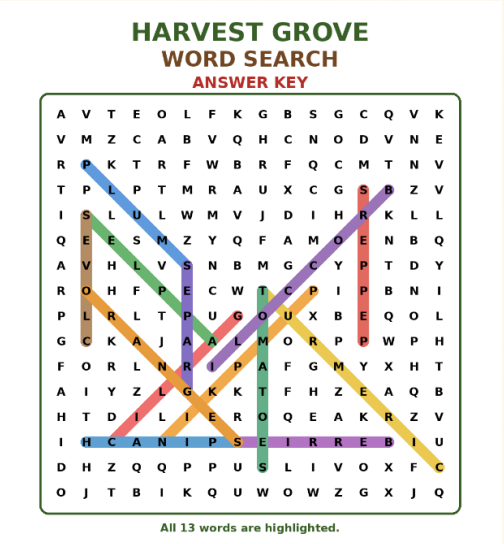
This fall, keep an eye out for apples wherever you happen to see them - at home, at the store, at a farm stand, or maybe even at an orchard.

How many different colors of apples can you spot?

Red, green, yellow... or maybe a little bit of each!

Word Search Answer Key

Did you find them all? Here's where the words were hiding in our Harvest Grove word search!



See You in Harvest Grove

Thanks for stopping by for our very first issue of The Harvest Grove Gazette.

We hope you enjoyed this little peek at what's growing, what we're creating, and what's still taking shape behind the scenes.

Until next time, keep exploring, keep wondering, and keep an eye on the garden.

You never know what might grow there next.

Don't Miss the Next Trip to Harvest Grove!

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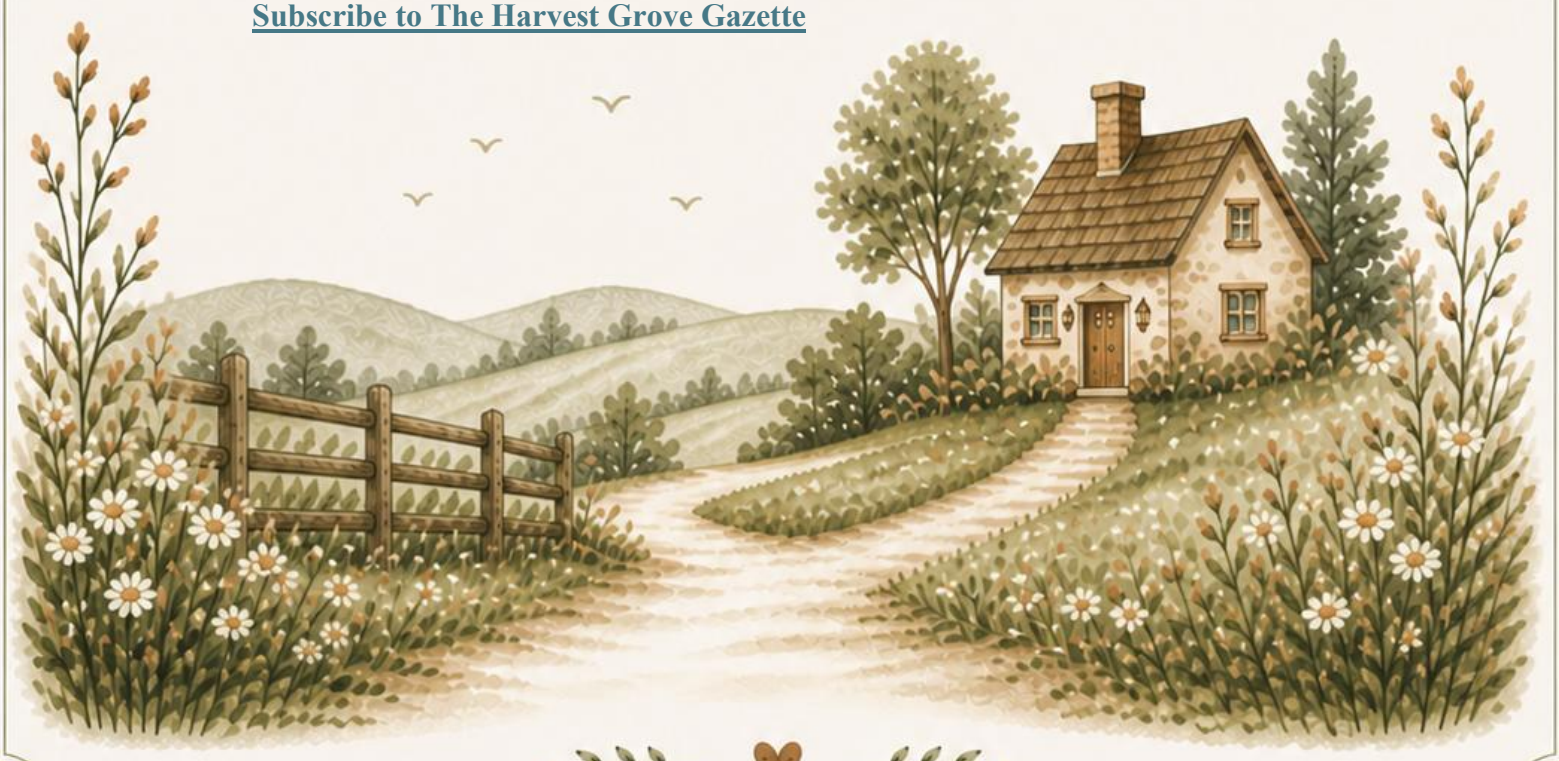
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