



KES GREENHOUSE & EDIBLE GARDEN



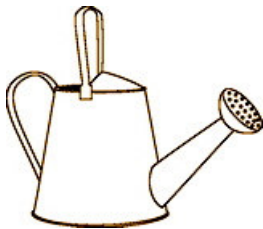
Parent Teacher Organization



News Flash:

1st Graders PROPAGATE COLEUS From Seed!

COLEUS seeds are so tiny that we planted by sprinkling them from a salt shaker. Your seedlings are still tiny too. At home watch them grow bigger and more colorful!



Caring for Your COLEUS plants

WATER when the soil starts to dry out. When you do, keep going until water runs out of the holes in the bottom of the pot.

Keep the pot in a **WARM** place that gets medium **SUN**. **COLEUS** is a tropical rainforest plant, so if you want to put it outside wait until nights are warm, around the end of May.

Enjoy your colorful **COLEUS**!



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Family Project



You can download this and other Greenhouse care sheets at
<http://kespto.com/id8.html>

Transplanting, A Family Project

Materials:

6" pot(s)

Container for mixing soil

Soil (Use soilless mix, lighter than potting soil)

Water

Small watering can

Small pieces of screen or stones

Pencil

Your little green pot probably has several seedlings. By summertime they will need more space. Transplanting into a larger pot is a fun and easy project. And your *COLEUS* will thank you by growing big and beautiful!

Wait until seedlings have at least 3 pairs of leaves. In bucket, moisten soil with water until it's like a wrung out sponge. For proper drainage, cover hole of 6" pot with screen or stones. Fill pot with soil, keeping it loose. In other words, don't pack it down.

Turn over pot with seedlings and let them fall into your hands. Very gently separate seedlings, holding them by leaves (not stems). Use pencil to make holes. Plant seedlings so that roots are in soil and stems above soil line. Tamp soil gently toward stems to keep seedlings in place. Water carefully with a fine spray.

Keep pot(s) in shade for 2 or 3 days then move them into medium sun. Water well when soil begins to dry out.