

## Self-Watering Plant System



**Purpose:** Students will be able to identify that plants have the necessities which are air, water, nutrients, and space.

**Background:** Teach about plant growth or methods of recycling with this fun, affordable activity. Students can create self-watering plant systems for experiments and research opportunities or to care for small plants.

Materials: Plastic water bottles (with caps), string, soil, seeds, water, scissors

## **Activity:**

- 1. Remove the wrapper from the water bottle and cut in half.
- 2. Punch a small hole in the cap and string the string through the hole.
- 3. Put the cap back on the water bottle and flip the top half of the bottle into the bottom half.
- 4. Fill the bottom with water, wet the string, and fill the top half with soil.
- 5. Plant seeds in the soil and watch them grow!

