2 nd Grade	Garden Lesson ideas to Bolster STC Life Cycles of the		
Lessons	Butterfly – and meet NGSS – Spring 2017		
Lesson #	Lessons	Source	NGSS 2-
and Date			
1)	A)Plant Detective – what defines a plant – outside the		
Early –	garden		
Mid April	B)Plant Peas discuss plant needs and life cycle – in the		
	garden		
	C)Plant Anatomy – illustrating and finding the Plantain		
	or mallow Plant – a caterpillar's food and real habitat –		
	can be mostly outside the garden		
2) Late April	Are you an Insect? Game outside the garden		
	Insect Mouth part differences and modeling – activity		
	with models outside the garden		
	Plant flowers to attract good insects and pollinators – inside the garden		
3)	Scientists at work part I – cover some pea seedlings; add		
Early May	some climbing poles to ½ peas w/light – in the garden		
	Pollination game to test materials Bees vs Butterflies – game outside the garden		
	Insect Bingo – an observation activity inside the garden		
4)	Scientists at work part II -Plant Reporter – record		
Mid May	findings pea plants deprived of light – in the garden		
	Dissect a real flower – give the parts names – outside the garden		
	Plant herbs to attract good insects and deter bad insects –		
	in the garden		
5) Late May	Observe trellised pea plants and record findings – in the		
	garden		
	wind pollination game – outside the garden		
	Build a flower from a model – compare with the		
	dissected real flower parts, read The Reason For a Flower – outside the garden		