

GOOD THINGS TAKE TIME

"IN OUR GARDEN"

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SUMMARY:

Millie has recently moved and is homesick. She misses home, more than an ocean away. More than anything, she misses the garden where her family used to grow food. Then one day she sprouts an idea—her new school has the perfect spot for a garden, a flat roof. Her teacher and friends gradually get on board, but it takes more than ideas to build a garden. Millie soon recognizes it takes supplies and hard work, a lot of persistent learning, and an entire school and community—working together to help and make Millie feel like she belongs. But the hardest lesson learned, it also takes a lot of waiting.

But as Millie's teacher says, "Be patient. Good things take time."

Describe the problem Millie faced and the steps she took to solve it.



How would you describe Millie? What makes her a good leader?



What does the phrase "the idea makes me bounce" mean?



Compare the community where you live to Millie's. Is there anything you could do to make your neighborhood as community minded as hers?



Create a list of themes learned from this story:



- Let's work together!
- Communicating is key!
- Be confident! Be YOU!

Hand out notecards, construction paper, or paper scraps. Get out scissors and crayons. Design, decorate, and create a badge to advocate for what you believe.

Community Service Project: Encourage students to think about a community issue they are passionate about and have them plan a service project to address it, just like Millie does in the story. Suggestions include: clean up a local park, plant trees, or organize a donation drive for a local charity.



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