## WELCOMING YOUR VERY OWN CLASS PLANT!

Tips for your Spider Plant inspired by The WORLD'S BEST CLASS PLANT

- Select Your Spider: Spider plants make great classmates! They like low to medium light and don't need much water. Plus, they sprout spiderettes to share at year's end!
  - TWISTY TIP: Some teachers start a second plant at home so they're sure to have enough spiderettes.
- Settle It In: Find a safe spot for your plant-on a shelf or windowsill, or in a hanging basket.
- **Read Aloud:** Share *The World's Best Class Plant* and unveil your classroom's new resident.
  - Name It: Let students suggest names and conduct a vote or pick randomly from a hat (or flowerpot)!
    - TWISTY TIP: Some classes choose names to match their school mascot, classroom nickname, or that year's school motto or theme!
  - **Dig In:** It's time for grade-appropriate research on spider plants and plant care.

- **Take Care:** Using your research and discussion, create a chore chart for your plant. Students will take turns misting, watering, turning, and more.
- Let It Go: Watch your plant reach and grow alongside your students!
  - TWISTY TIP: If it really goes wild, repot to give more room to grow.
- 8 Share the Love: The last week of school, propagate your spiderettes! You'll find them dangling at the ends of the parent plant—with little knobby roots all ready to go. Send them home in jars of water or planted in small compostable cups with potting soil.
  - Repeat: You can reuse (and rename!) your spider plant next year and the year after that!

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