

Why should I take the class time, and make the effort, to use a school garden as part of my curriculum?

- Teachers and students alike know that learning is improved when students participate in their own learning as opposed to being passive recipients.
- By actively "doing," investigating, and inquiring, students can begin to construct an authentic understanding of the world around them.
- Gardens, schoolyard habitats, and plants in the classroom become living laboratories in which state standards can be addressed.
- Children can grasp how living things adapt to their environments in a garden.
- Garden planning and design requires mathematical problem solving and practice. The connections are endless, and the rewards can be also.