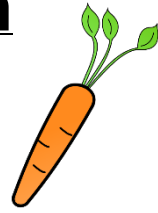


School-Age 1 Lesson Plan



Let's Garden!

May 2022



1. Garden Prep

(STEM—Media and Technology—Language, Literacy, and Numeracy)

Getting ready for a garden takes a little more than planting and harvesting. We will learn about how gardening works, the supplies needed, and the time needed. During this process we will work on cleaning up and prepping the garden. We will also use the smartboard to compile a list of what we want to plant and then take a class vote.

2. Make it Grow

(STEM)

We will start several of our plants indoors using different planting methods. Using plastic bags, soil, and toilet paper rolls, we will see which methods work best and if we have anything to plant when the experiment is completed. We will also create milk jug greenhouses so that we may start some plants outdoors.

3. Worldwide Farming and Gardening

(Global Learning, Media and Technology)

All around the world people grow and farm food for their community and families. They grow rice, cocoa beans, avocados, and many other fruits and vegetables. We will talk about what people grow and how they do it in different areas of the world. Also, if people cannot grow their own food; then where do they get it from?

We will take several virtual “field trips” to gardens and farms around the world to explore unique farms and gardens.

4. Farmers Market Munchies

(Health and Wellness)

We may not always be able to grow our own food or have enough space in our own gardens for everything we would like. Farmers’ markets are wonderful local resources, in order to purchase a wide range of produce that we may not be able to grow ourselves and support local farmers. The class will sample different foods that have been purchased at local farmers markets and discuss different meals or dishes they could make utilizing these items at home.

5. Outdoor Clean Up

(Service Learning, Character Development)

As a group we will work together help to clean up each of the outdoor playgrounds at LLL and the surrounding grounds. We can also work on cleaning up their gardens if they would like our help. This will be a great way for the school-agers to help the toddler and pre-school play areas and to beautify our school.

6. Pollinators and Pests

How do we grow our own food without using pesticides and how do we attract pollinators to our plants? We will discuss what we should plant along with our vegetables and what steps that need to be taken to discourage other insects and animals from eating our garden.

(Environmental Learning)