



Informal Garden Programs, Clubs, and School Wide Activities

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Quick Survey With a show of hands



How many teachers, garden coordinators, parent volunteers, other?

What type of garden program are you involved with?

Do you consider yourself a beginning or advanced gardener?

How often do you go take students to the garden?

How long are your garden visits?

Do you have garden volunteers to help you?

What is your biggest garden problem?

Agenda

1. My story
2. JMG
3. Sage Garden Project
4. Edible Schoolyard
5. Life Lab - lessons and back pocket activities
6. Kids Gardening website
7. Sharing of best practices - questions
8. Questions and Evaluation Form
9. If time allows I have a lot more to share!



Who is this Mrs. Snacky?

Sage Garden Project

Master Gardener 2012

JMG

Edible Schoolyard

Life Lab



Junior Master Gardeners



- Junior Master Gardeners Level 1 - grades 3-5
 - Internationally recognized curriculum developed by Texas A & M Agrilife Extension
 - 8 chapter and 52 units
 - Group activities and individual activities
 - Students earn pins and certificates for completing the individual activities
- Other Elementary School Programs
 - Learn, Grow, Eat, & Go
 - Wildlife Gardner - developed in partnership with The Wildlife Federation
 - Literature in the Garden
- Middle School Programs - grades 6-8
 - Operation Thistle
 - Operation W.A.T.E.R.

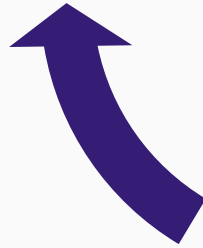
Sage Garden Project Lesson Philosophy



Time for
reflection

Inquiry
based
discussion

Hands-on
learning



We have developed a set of 12 garden lessons for grades K - 6



Garden
Orientation

Weeding

Compost

Planting

Post-Planting
Care

Preparing for and
Returning from
School Breaks

Irrigation

Crop Rotation

Propagation

Seedling Care

Soil

Pollination

Each larger theme is addressed at an age appropriate level



Soil

K

Dirt made
my lunch

1st

Soil vs. dirt

2nd

Healthy
plants

3rd

Soil cycle

4th

Improving
garden soil

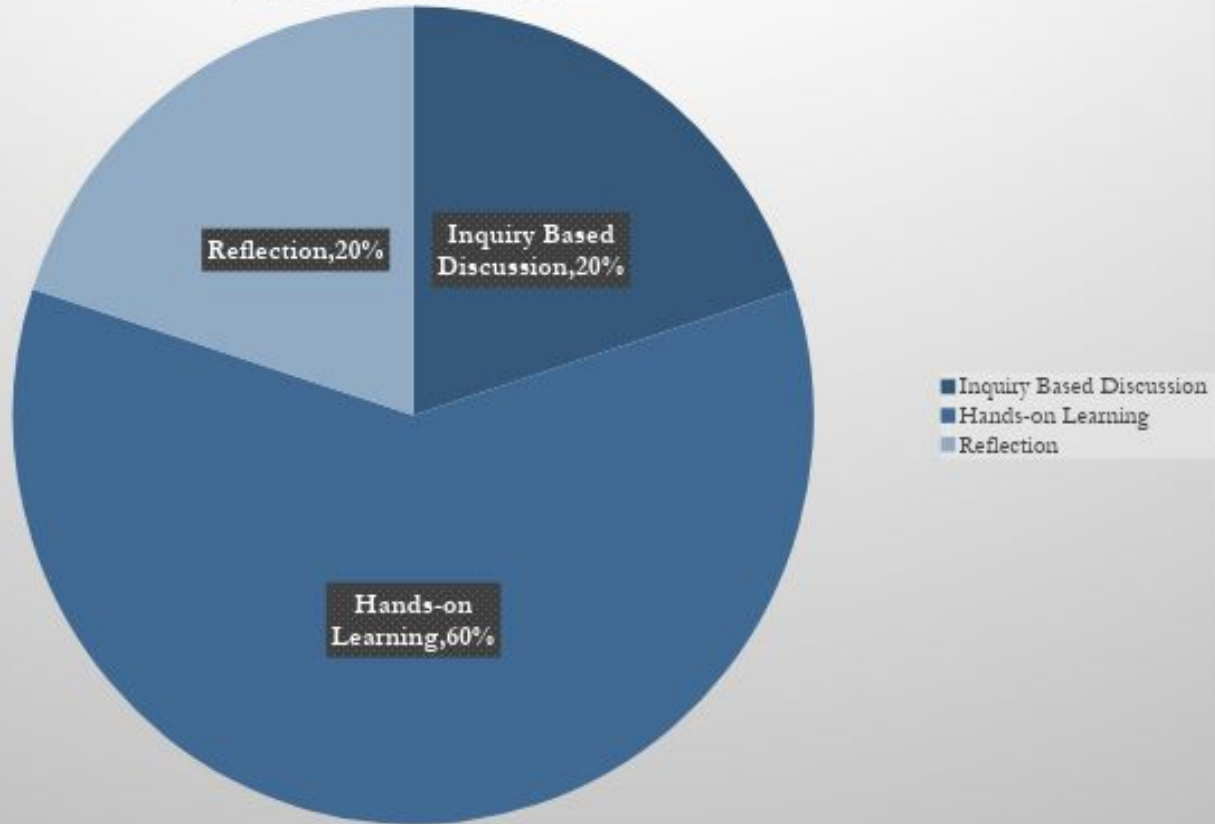
5th

Components
of soil

6th

Air & water
in soil

Lesson Structure



Edible Schoolyard



- Grades 6-8
- Pioneers in garden education
- Edibleschoolyard.org
- Kitchen and Garden lesson
- Edible Schoolyard Academy
- Newsletter
- Edible Edu 101
- Compost Lab
- Excellent tie in with classroom
- Crafting a question

Life Lab



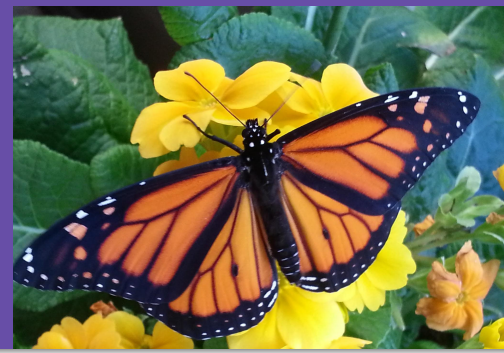
- The Growing Classroom
- Lifelab.org
- Back pocket activities
- Field trips
- Summer camps
- Webinars
- Early leaders in garden education
- Science Exploration Units

Kids Gardening



- Kidsgardening.org
- Grants
 - Cartons 2 Garden
 - Budding Botanist
 - Youth Garden Grant
- Webinars
- Lesson Plans - grades Pre K - 12
- Garden Activities
- Designing, creating, and sustaining school gardens
- Monthly E-newsletter for grades PreK - 12, before and after school programs, and out of school youth
- Gardening basics / Growing guides
- Blog

Sharing!



Who are you?

Where are you from?

What's your garden's history?

Can you describe your garden?

Who tends the garden?

How do you involve classrooms?

What do you do with your harvest?

What problems do you face?

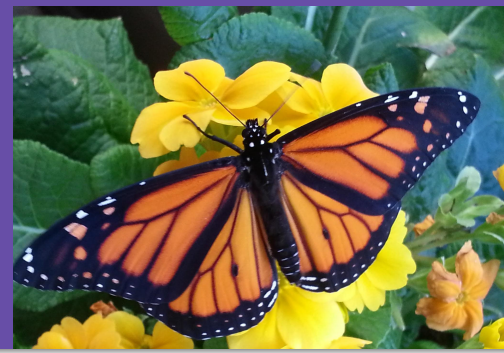
What successes have you had?

Anything else to share?

What is your best take away from our time today?

What do you still need?

Questions, Evaluation & Thank You



Questions?

Please complete the evaluation form - thank you!

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For garden support: Contact your Master Gardener for ideas, seeds, etc