

Garden Resources

(These are materials from the libraries of Fair Oaks and Addison Elementary which were considered valuable to instruction.)

The Bountiful Container Rose Marie Nichols McGee and Maggie Stuckey A great “how to” for both the inexperienced and savvy gardener. The final appendix offers super Mail-Order Resources. *ISBN-13: 978-0-7611-1623-3*

Ecology Crafts for Kids...50 Great Ways to Make Friends with Planet Earth Bobbe Needham More than “Litter Art”...this book provides the step-by-step instruction for nature friendly creative expression. *ISBN 0-8069-2024-6*

The Everything Green Classroom Book by Tessa Hill From Earth-friendly farming to social change for sustainability, these 21 chapters include wonderful “E Facts” and “E Sources” (websites) that hit home for teachers and students. *ISBN 10: 1-60550-351-7*

A Garden for Every Child, Reconnecting Children to Nature Sarah Pounders Eight super lessons with background information including the Goals and Materials needed for instruction. The “booklet” ends with Tips for “Starting a School Garden Program”, Theme Gardens, Tips for Composting and excellent resources. *ISBN 978-0-615-36006-5*

Gardening with Children Beth Richardson A book written for adults...it instructs adults in how to instill a love of nature in children. *ISBN 1-56158-192-5*

Gardening Wizardry for Kids by L. Patricia Kite The author calls it “Green thumb magic for the great INDOORS”...for those days when outdoor lessons were planned and inclement weather appearshere’s the perfect correlated back-up. It also includes great tidbits on the history of gardening. *ISBN-13: 978-0-8120-1317-7*

Greening School Grounds, Creating Habitats for Learning Edited by Tim Grant and Gail Littlejohn This book guides teachers through all phases of a school grounds project, from rationale, design, gaining administrative support to developing multidisciplinary activities. *ISBN 0-86571-436-3*

Grow Lab, Activities for Growing Minds, National Gardening Association: A notebook of excellent activities explaining the basic needs of plants with teacher activities, worksheets and excellent resources. *ISBN: 0-915873-32-X*

Hands-On Nature, Information and Activities for Exploring the Environment with Children, Edited by Jenepher Lingelbach A most informative book with terrific resources. It also includes darling puppet shows written out in a useable format. *ISBN 0-917627-0-5*

Hollyhocks and Honeybees by Sara Starbuck, Marla Olthof, and Karen Midden: An excellent teacher’s guide which includes FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), Recipes, and many “how to” tips. Six Appendices included Reference Books, Common Plant names, and even recipes. *ISBN 1-929610-20-3*

In The Three Sisters Garden, Native American stories and seasonal activities for the curious child JoAnne Dennee This book correlates beautifully with 3rd Year GPS. *ISBN 0-7872-2175-9*

Junior Master Gardener, Teacher/Leader Guide: Level One: Designed for children in grades 3 – 5, the Master Gardener program offers horticultural, environmental, science, leadership and life skills through fun and creative activities. *Web address: www.jmgkids.org*

JMG Junior Master Gardener Handbook, Level 1 This is the handbook which accompanies the above mentioned teacher guide. It would be “ideal” if each student or classroom could have a copy. Lessons can be easily adapted. www.jmgkids.org

A Kid's Herb Book, for children of all ages by Lesley Tierra From Calendula to Yarrow...the author gives history, "did you know?" puzzlers, and activities that will teach students a love of herbs. Great Appendices and Indices are included.. ISBN 1-885003-36-6

Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louve This beautifully written book explains the dangers today's child faces of losing touch with nature. A "**must read**" for any educator who loves children and our environment. ISBN 13:978-1-56512-605-3

Literature in the Garden, A Junior Master Gardener Golden Ray Series Six excellent pieces of children's literature are connected to beautifully written, teacher-friendly activities. Fundamental for any school's environmental library. www.jmgkids.us

Let It Rot!, A Gardener's Guide to Composting by Stu Campbell "One aker well compost, is worth aker three..." Tusser (1557) Everything a body needs to know about composting! ISBN 978-1-58017-023-9

Math in the Garden, Hands-On Activities that Bring Math to Life Jennifer M. White So many math standards are address in this colorful 160 page book. Each lesson gives age appropriate suggestions and walks educators through entire lessons from preparation to assessment. ISBN-13: 978-0-915873-46-3

Native American Gardening, Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families Michael J. Caduto This book ties science to social studies through Native American knowledge and folklore. ISBN 1-55591-148-X

Project Seasons, Hands-on Activities for Discovering the Wonders of the World by Deborah Parrella Over 50 activities are clustered by season to assist teachers in filling every time of the year with garden connected learning.

Ready, Set, Grow by Suzanne Frutig Bales Produced by the Burpee Company....it had to be good! This book suggests seeds and plants that are a MUST for capturing the interest and imagination of children. Full color....you won't put it down. ISBN0-02-860399-0

River of Words Project WET A wonderful resource for inspiring poetry in coordination with the garden and nature. www.riversalive.org

Roots and Shoots, Intergenerational School Garden, The Down to Earth Handbook: Activities are organized by suggested grade and offers excellent activities that integrate the "shoots" (children) and the "roots" (older community volunteers). Written and assembled in a 3-hole punch notebook...available through Dirck and Molly Brown, 306 Overhill Drive, Lexington, VA 24450

The Worm Café, Mid-Scale Vermicomposting of Lunchroom Wastes by Binet Payne: The book encourages and provides the needed information for school districts to undertake mid-scale vermicomposting projects. ISBN 0-942256-11-5

Tree Center: Teaching Resource for Environmental Education: Literally 100's of classroom activities for Grades 1-5 generated by the Georgia Department of Education in 1995. The format offers Objectives, Location, Materials, and Procedures. Classroom friendly.

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