

Websites

Gardening with Children

www.kidsgardening.org

This site is sponsored by the National Gardening Association. They publish a number of free monthly e-newsletters. They have TONS of information for educators and parents interested in gardening with children, including an online catalog of all kinds of nature-related products and tons of curriculum connections. GREAT site!

www.schoolgardenwizard.org

This site is sponsored by the US Botanic Garden. Also a great resource for information on incorporating the garden into curriculum. Has lots of garden theme ideas.

<http://garden-gate.prairienet.org/>

This website has a list of other very helpful websites for learning gardens.

<http://4hgarden.msu.edu/tour/overview.html>

This site has a list of 56 different themed gardens.

http://216.248.206.131/wizard/learn/teach_themes.html

This site has a list of different themed gardens.

Rain Barrels

www.rainbarrelguide.com

<http://www.epa.gov/region03/p2/what-is-rainbarrel.pdf>

Composting

<http://www.recycleworks.org/compost/index.html>

<http://www.compostinfo.com/tutorial/index.htm>

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Docs.woa/wa/getcat?cat=ir-ln-ywm>

Good Quotes

<http://www.nationalgardenmonth.org/index.php?page=educators>

Reasons for gardening with children

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/05/07/AR2008050701267.html>

This is an article from the Washington Post about the benefits of student gardening.

Books

Books for Educators about gardening with children (see www.kidsgardening.org or www.gardeningwithkids.org for these books and so many more)

Schoolyard Mosaics: Designing Gardens and Habitats

Schoolyard Habitats: A How-to Guide

Beyond the Bean Seed: Gardening Activities for Grades K-6 by Nancy Allen Jurenka and Roseanne Blass

The Growing Classroom: Garden Based Science by Roberta Jaffe and Gary Appel

Sharing Nature with Children by Joseph Cornell

Books for Families about gardening with children

Roots, Shoots, Buckets, and Boots by Sharon Lovejoy

101 Kid-Friendly Plants: Fun Plants and Family Garden Projects by Cindy Krezel

Kid's Gardening: A Kid's Guide to Messing Around in the Dirt by Kevin Raftery and Kim Gilbert Raftery

Gardening With Children by Beth Richardson

A Child's Garden: 60 Ideas to Make Any Garden Come Alive for Children by Molly Dannenmaier

Theme Gardens by Barbara Damrosch

The Children's Kitchen Garden: A Book of Gardening, Cooking, and Learning by Georgeanne and Ethel Brennan

Great Gardens for Kids by Clare Matthews

Books for Children related to gardening and nature

The American Horticultural Society's "Growing Good Kids - Excellence in Children's Literature" award program honors outstanding children's gardening and nature books. For a list of these books, go to the AHS web site: http://www.ahs.org/awards/excellence_in_childrens_literature.htm

Ages 4-8

O, Say Can You Seed? by Bonnie Worth (from the Cat in the Hat series)

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

The Maybe Garden by Kimberly Burke-Weiner

Sunflower Sal by Janet S. Anderson

Once There Was a Tree by Natalia Romanova

Weslandia by Paul Fleischman

The Leaf Men by William Joyce

Plantzilla by Jerdine Nolen

Uno's Garden by Graeme Base

Dirt by Steve Tomecek

Silver Seeds: A Book of Nature Poems by Paul Paolilli

The Empty Lot by Dale H. Fife

Ages 9-12

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Where the Lilies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleaver

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Linnea in Monet's Garden by Christina Bjork

The Victory Garden by Lee Kochenderfer

Bug Muldoon: the Garden of Fear by Paul Shipton

The Story of Johnny Appleseed by Alike

Ecosystems by Jim Pipe

The Great Frog Race and Other Poems by Kristine O'Connell George

Shanley's Quest: A Botany Adventure... by Thomas Elpel

A Drop Around the World by Barbara Shaw McKinney