Third Grade Scavenger Hunt

All 3rd grade classes had fun with the Scavenger Hunt and Dare task list. Students learned what is in and around the garden by searching for things like bug hotels and plants, planting new plants, watering, and even tasting. Kids tried elderberry jelly from the elderberry bush in the Pennsylvania garden and fennel from the pollinator garden. They also found caterpillars and turned our compost barrel. We’re looking forward to a great year with a new batch of garden helpers!
James Gettys Gardens

The courtyard garden contains different areas for each grade level and multiple learning activities. The areas include apple trees, a pumpkin patch, vegetable beds, pollinator garden, Pennsylvania garden, weather station (available on weatherunderground.com), and sundial. Students and teachers enjoy the outdoor classroom. Volunteers are needed to create more opportunities to learn outside.

Community Supports Our Garden

First, thank you to the families who came out this summer to help. The garden thrives because of your involvement. Don’t forget you can still come evenings and weekends or share ideas via e-mail. A local mom, Amy Shoop, donated four bales of straw for our strawberry bed. Local business also donated. Musselman Greenhouses generously donated many perennials to fill in our pollinator garden. Third graders helped plant then during the scavenger project list. Schmuck Lumber donated wood we used to build a chrysalis shelter. We have more to make signs for each garden. Any artists willing to help create garden signs?

Plans for Fall

Student will plant sugar snap peas and lettuce for a fall crop. It’s also time to start putting our beds to bed for the winter. We’ll mulch, prune, and cover crops and flowers.

Get Involved and Keep Growing!

Please contact Beth Page if you, a grandparent, or anyone you know loves gardening, just wants to get involved, or sign up for the newsletter. No experience necessary!

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