

MISSION of Garden

Description:

Learn about the history and uses or MISSION of the garden.

Background:

The garden was started in 2015 through a joint effort Lighthouse Christian Ministries, Clear Lake Presbyterian Church and K.E. Little Elementary school, Both the amphitheater and irrigation system were constructed as part of an Eagle scout projects.

- The MISSION of the Community Garden is to:
 - Use this garden facility to train others in sustainable (and organic) gardening techniques and Naturalist stewardship of butterfly and beneficial insect habitats.
 - Provide fresh produce for the Lighthouse Christian Ministries Food Pantry, with spring and fall crops.
 - Engage the Bacliff/San Leon community volunteers

Materials:

None

Preparation:

Ask the students: Why is there a garden at K.E. Little Elementary School?

Activity:

Walk to the amphitheater next to the garden and ask the kids question below.

- What can a garden be used for?
- What is the mission of our garden?
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 3. Engage the Bacliff/San Leon community volunteers

Recommended Grade Level:

K-5

Season:

All

Outdoor

Tying It Together:

- What is the meaning of:
 - **Sustainable**
 - Sustainable gardening **combines organic gardening practices with resource conservation**. Generally, sustainable gardening is forward-thinking, values ecosystem support over aesthetics, makes as little negative impact on the earth as possible.
 - **Organic Gardening Techniques**
 - A basic definition of organic gardening is **gardening without synthetic fertilizers and pesticides**. But organic gardening is much more than simply replacing manmade chemicals with those derived from natural sources. It is a philosophy of gardening that supports the health of the whole system.
 - **Naturalist Stewardship**
 - Naturalists are **teaching scientists who share their love of the natural world and help people young and old gain an appreciation for the ecosystems that support life in all its forms**.
 - **Beneficial Insect Habitats**
 - Insects provide useful services to mankind and the environment in a number of ways. They **keep pest insects in check, pollinate crops we rely on as food, and act as sanitation experts, cleaning up waste**.
 - **Fresh Produce**
 - Fresh produce means **fruits and vegetables that have not been processed in any manner**.
 - **Community Volunteers**
 - Community volunteering refers to **volunteers who work to improve their local community**.

Links:

<https://www.lighthousecm.org/community-garden/>

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