

SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL GARDEN

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OUR STORY:

Our school garden is supported by a specialist teacher-Ginny Hughes. When the classes come out to the garden they are often given 2-3 stations or choices. One will have strenuous activities such as digging or turning compost pile, while the other one involves more cognitive, social or artistic activities-like interviewing classmates about what they are doing or creating a Living History Journal.

OTHER SUCCESSES:

We have benefited from the fundraising efforts of Chef Tory Miller.

Our garden instructor maintains the garden throughout the growing months.

Sherman hosts a 6-week summer school program where the kids participate in Garden Club.

WHAT WE GROW:



We grow a variety of plants in our garden; however, two of our favorites are stevia-kids love the super sweet taste and sorrel-for the super sour taste.



We have many 'themed' areas to our garden that reflect the interests & cultures of our school-including foods, regions & native plants.



Plants such as watermelon and squash are grown in a large back corner of our garden, which gives them plenty of room to spread.

TIPS:



We have an area in the garden with tables for students to use for a variety of activities. We mulched the area with free wood chips from the Dane County.



I ordered 50 large bamboo rods from a garden magazine. These have been used in different garden projects such as trellises and a sunflower house!



We have a cold frame that we use to extend our growing season. It was built by reusing lumber that a teacher donated to the garden.

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