

Children's Garden Center Project - Michelle St. Germaine

The garden project has proven to be a great success for the center. One of our long term Early Childhood Specialists, Nancy Winslow spear headed the project.

Nancy, in conjunction with the student teachers in the ECD practicum courses worked to design developmentally appropriate gardens for the preschoolers. The gardening curriculum supported the lab students' work with young children by allowing them to engage with preschoolers in hands on learning experiences, life science, and social skills development.

In addition to the ongoing gardening project, student teachers along with parents in the program participated in a gardening workshop presented by Nancy Winslow. The workshop provided attendees with information about how to easily "green" up their classroom environments and or homes using recycled materials.

It is our intention to continue this project each year, allowing student teachers to have the opportunity to develop the gardens with young children.

