

Welcome to the Garden

KINDERGARTEN

The first time students enter the garden is the best time to set expectations and also take some time to explore. Students will be involved in the rule-making process, go on a scavenger hunt, and reflect on their time in the garden.

SUBJECT

EXPLORE

TIME

30 MIN - 1 HR

MATERIALS

Read aloud book from the Garden Library

Scavenger Hunt Worksheet, 1 copy per student

Clipboards, 1 per student

Pencils, 1 per student

Crayons, assorted colors to share

DIRECTIONS

- If your school garden does not have an outdoor classroom with a whiteboard, begin the lesson inside the school to make the garden rules.
- Ask students to come up with rules for the garden and record them on the whiteboard. Basic garden rules may include: be respectful to others and your surroundings, only pick flowers, plants, or vegetables with permission from an adult, handle plants and animals gently, only touch animals when an adult says it's okay (never touch spiders or bees), use tools safely, and walk at all times.
- Find a shady spot to read aloud a book from the Garden Library.
- Ask students what they know about gardens. Why do people have gardens? Why do schools have gardens? What do they think they'll find in the school garden?
- Hand out clipboards, pencils, and Scavenger Hunt worksheets and task students to find each item on the list.
- Students may explore the garden in pairs or small groups.
- Students can color the worksheet when they finish, and if they have extra time, ask them to draw a picture of their favorite thing in the garden on the back of the worksheet.

EXTENSION

- Make a sign with the garden rules.

SOURCE

- BCK Programs



Garden Scavenger Hunt



How many can you spot?
Color in as you go



Butterfly



Watering can



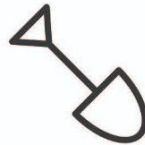
Leaf



Polly polly



Worm



Tools



Flower



Listen!
Do you hear a bird singing?



Clouds



Ladybug

Bonus Hunt 

Find something...

- Soft
- Hard
- Spiky
- Shiny
- Round
- Smelly



Ant

