

MISSION STATEMENT
for the
GARDENING PROGRAM
at GREENSBORO MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The Gardening Program at Greensboro Montessori School nurtures each child's appreciation and understanding of the natural world and builds ecologically responsible citizens by involving them in the seasonal cycles of planting, harvesting, and sharing the food grown in an organic, Permaculture garden.

Goals of the Gardening Program:

1. To use the garden as an outdoor, experiential classroom for the child's engagement with the natural world.
2. To follow the seasonal rounds with the planting, growing, harvesting, eating and sharing of organic food.
3. To teach the children the values of cooperating with organic and self-renewing natural systems.
4. To become skillful and knowledgeable gardeners and ecologically responsible citizens.
5. To introduce them to plant varieties, gardening techniques, and cuisines from around the world.
6. To honor their bodies with wholesome food, tastefully prepared, slowly eaten.
7. To teach other children what they have learned.

These goals support SACS : nurturing the love of learning, building global citizens, enhancing communication skills, and developing independent learners.