

Hints for Using the Garden Educational Resources During Your Class Garden Visit

Where to find the items:

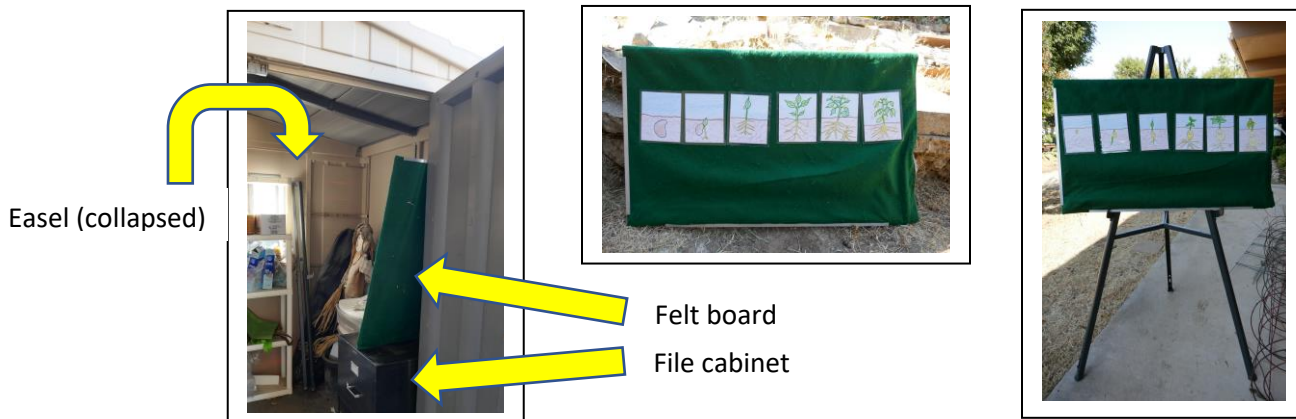
- In a file cabinet inside the SHED next to the school building. (See photo below.) The SHED lock has the same combination as the BARN lock.
- **Please return items to their individual files in the file cabinet. Your help is needed and appreciated to keep the files organized and ready for the next class to use.**
- A link at TMAGarden.org shows you the items, so you may review them before your visit.

When to use them:

Each garden visit, only one-third of the students in your class is assigned to you. Therefore, you can use the same resource three times during each half of the year. To avoid repeating, Explorers and Planters in the same class should discuss the Educational Resources they have already used.

Types of learning activities:

- **Garden Ambassador Scripts -**
- **Cards activities -**
 - Cards backed with Velcro can be displayed on a felt board leaned against a wall or placed on an easel. The board and easel are stored in the SHED near the file cabinet.



- Ask younger students to hold the cards and line themselves up in the correct order or groups. Helps get the wiggles out!
- **Scavenger Hunts -**
 - Complete a table of questions and activities, with paper and pencil
 - Look for informational cards placed around the garden
- **Hands-on exploration or demonstrations** (Seed Box, Soil Properties)
- **Exploration-** Walk around the garden
- **Books** – to read to students or pictures to show them

Current list of resources:

Items/Activities for use by:	Planter	Explorer
		Garden Ambassador Scripts – (for Kindergarten, 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th grade)
	Card activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six components for a Seed to Grow • Life Cycle of a Seed • Stages of growth (broccoli, carrot, and potato) 	Card activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Pests and Garden Friends
	Card activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetable versus Fruit - Sow (Square Foot Gardening), Germinate, Thin, Harvest - Sprout/Thinning/Late Seedling/Flower 	
		Scavenger Hunts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun Facts about Our Garden • Facts about bugs, etc. (hang) • Facts about Fall (post in the ground)
	Hands-on exploration/demonstrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed box – samples of different seeds we are planting in the garden; shows the variety of sizes, shapes and colors 	
		Hands-on exploration/demonstrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil and its properties- two sets of “soil” models in plastic containers to visualize and compare the properties of each type of soil composition, with accompanying text cards.
	Exploration: Walk Around the Garden to Explore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch and Smell Garden • Find the Fruit Trees • Read Signs about the Plants • Hide the buddy (animal statue) 	
	Books	