

History of the Garden

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. The garden at TMA is 1/3 of an acre. It was made into a garden in 2006. Before that it was an empty lot with weeds. Now we can learn in the garden.

Coinker

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. Coinker is our only farm animal. Children and parents put money inside Coinker to help pay for things like seeds.

Water Conservation

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. When the 5th graders did a program called “Water in the World”, they learned that in 1 day of rain, the roof of the kindergarten classroom collects 1,000 gallons of water. This information helped inspire the building of the rainwater harvesting system you see here.

Produce Stand

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. We sell produce grown in the garden and other healthy food items after school every month. If we work hard in the garden, we can earn a Green Buck that's worth .50 at the produce stand.

Worm Bins

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. On Thursdays, 2nd graders check and feed the earthworms. At lunch, five students collect fruits and veggies that don't get eaten. They chop the food and feed it to the worms. We use the worm castings for our soil. Worm castings are some of the best fertilizer in the world.

Hot composting

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. On Thursdays, the 4th-grade students collect data on the compost piles and then turn the piles to circulate oxygen. The pile starts as grass clippings, used coffee grounds, and dry leaves. In 10-15 weeks, it will turn into fertilizer for the plants in our garden. We put the finished compost into the soil to make our plants bigger and healthier.

Butterfly Garden

Hello, my name is _____. I am in 3rd grade. Our Butterfly Garden is the best home for insects and butterflies. Caterpillars eat milkweed plants and use the wood fences as protection for their chrysalis. 2nd graders learn about this in the Life Cycles in the Garden program that happens every spring.