

SPEC School Gardens Program Links to New BC Curriculum

Core Competencies

Communications Competency:

- Understanding and sharing information about topics
- Work within a group
- Communicate with peers and adults
- Plan and complete activities with peers and adults
- Ask questions and make connections
- Share roles and responsibilities
- Contribute to discussions and collaborations, and help organize and monitor work
- Flexibility and trying a variety of strategies

Creative Thinking Competency:

- Using different senses to get ideas about nature
- Exercises to quiet conscious mind
- Doing activities that will allow students to generate ideas about nature
- Work in pairs to build on each other's ideas
- Using ideas about nature as a form of self-expression

Critical Thinking Competency:

- Experimenting with different ways of doing things
- Exploring materials and actions
- Explore with a purpose in mind and talk about their thinking
- Use observation, imagination, and experience to draw conclusions
- Evaluating and using evidence to make nature interpretations
- Taking risks and recognizing that there may not be immediate success
- Practicing open-mindedness, patience, exploration, and discovery

Social Responsibility Competency:

- Activities to improve the school and natural environment
- Identifying how actions affect the environment and work to make positive change
- Analyze environmental issues from multiple perspectives and take actions to influence positive sustainable change
- Identify problems, consider alternatives, and compare strategies
- Identify small things that can make a difference

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