

The Dawes School Garden of Eatin'

As part of the Slow Food in the Schools Project, our aim is to introduce children to the pleasures of fresh, unprocessed food that they have grown organically, cared for and harvested in our garden.

At the heart of our program are the Tastings, where we sit down as a class to savor the freshly prepared garden dishes. The first salad of the season is now excitedly awaited in the spring. And in the autumn when the children return to school, the garden is ripe with fruiting plants - tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, squash, and beans, which the children harvest and which are then prepared in a variety of ways for their enjoyment.

Still the most rewarding part of the harvest over our first five years is watching the children's passion for the garden develop. It is a place to enjoy working the soil, to be with their friends, to be amazed by the miracle of life and all its forms, to learn that our own fate is connected to how we grow our food, and to truly know the difference between real food and junk food.



THE DAWES SCHOOL GARDEN OF EATIN'

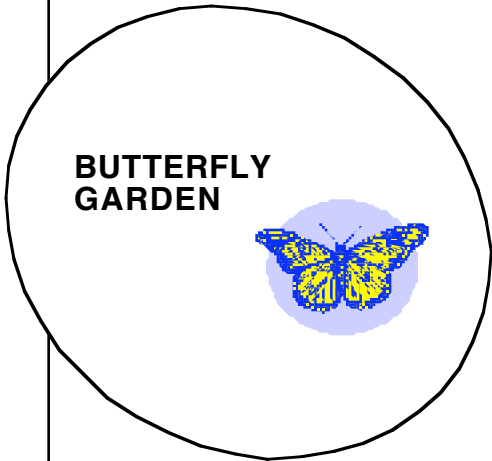
A Slow Food in the Schools Project

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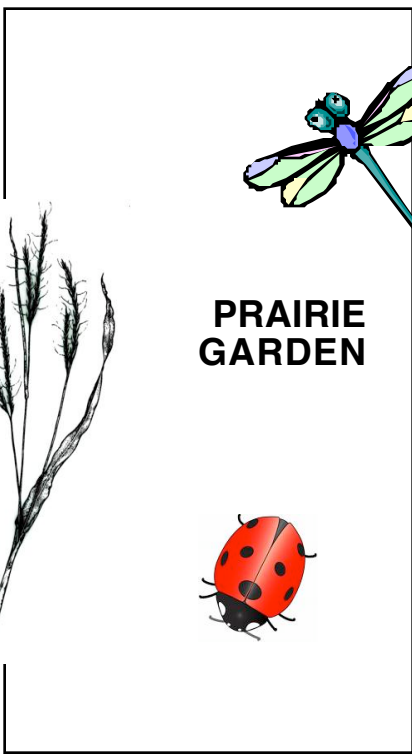
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PATCH

TABLES



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

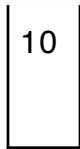
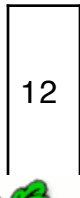


PRAIRIE GARDEN

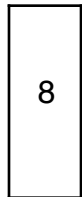
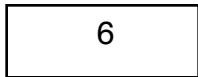
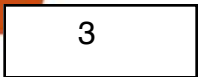
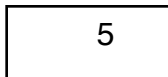
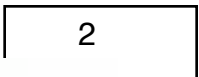


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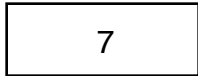
SUNFLOWERS
BENCH



COMPOST



RAISED BED
8' x 4'



PUMPKIN PATCH

GATE