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Option 1: Outdoor Herb Garden (\$500)

Herbs provide a sensory experience for all five senses, and can be used in any number of projects for individuals, families and classroom. Get started gardening the easy way! Perennial herbs keep providing until the snow flies, and enable students to look for plant growth as soon as snow melts. Adding annual herbs for some of our favorites. Invite families to suggest their favorite herbs or provide seeds or seedlings, and share how they use these herbs. Herbs can be used for cooking, tea, aroma-therapy, come in different sizes, shapes and textures, and most are also pollinator-friendly.

Herbs will require weeding about once a month and most can be harvested several times a year. Your package includes in class work with teacher and students to design and build garden bed (any time during school year), creation of a maintenance and utilization plan tailored to your class or school, and up to 10 herb seedlings to plant in the spring.

Option 2: Outdoor Restorative Garden (\$500)

Create a garden “where a person or group of persons can go to simply sit and be, to rejuvenate and to feel better by being in harmony with nature.” Also known as a “Healing Garden”. Your restorative garden can be used by staff, students, families or community members, and can include pollinator or herb plants as well. In the first month, goals and vision established with staff, inform site proposal and garden design along with input from Facilities. Consultant will create an installation plan, maintenance plan and can identify potential partners to assist in building garden and annual maintenance.

Option 3: School Garden Plan (\$500)

Interested in starting a school garden or reinvigorating an old one, but need some help? This package comes with an experienced school gardener who can help you get started on the right foot. The consultant will meet with your wellness team over three meetings to develop a school garden plan which includes site location, design, utilization and maintenance plan, plant recommendations, planting schedule, family engagement events, and recommendations for community involvement and partnership for sustainability and success.

Option 4: Grow Our Own...Inside (\$400)

Grow plants in your classroom! Great for all ages to explore science and nutrition, develop leadership and create a greener, more relaxed classroom. Microgreens in the winter and garden seedlings in the spring to plant outdoors. Support an existing school garden or give seedlings to families or neighborhood organization.

This Package includes a set of sturdy growing lights that can fit your available space, lab book, and utilization plan for your classroom, grade team or school. This package includes 120 minutes of consultation to help you get the right growlights for your school, one 60 minute PD session for staff or classroom, and a year of support on what to grow, how to grow and how to harvest.

Option 5: Worm Bin (\$400)

Be a worm farmer! Host a living garden in your classroom. A new bin will take 1-3 months to become full working (and smell of fresh spring soil). Use these starter months to track how the bin soil changes, food needs change as worms multiply. Worm bins bring ecosystem concepts to life, allow students up close look at changes under the soil, and provide opportunity for students to recycle produce while feeding their worm farm.

Your worm bin will be 24 x 18 inches and need to be in a cool, dark space (no direct sunlight), with air flow. Or share a worm bin with your grade team, each having it for 4 weeks at a time. Package comes with up to 3 hours of classroom instruction and ongoing technical assistance. Just call with any questions or problems. Each bin is designed to be easily removed in case of problems.