

Look online for resources on children's gardening

National Gardening Association

The NGA offers programs, courses, grants and numerous other resources for schools and parents.

WEB SITE: www.kidsgardening.com

Renee's Garden

This company supports children's gardening programs through the National Gardening Association. Renee's Garden also donates leftover and returned seeds each season to the programs it helped establish to encourage school garden projects across the country.

WEB SITE: www.reneesgarden.com

Bonnie Plants

Every year, the Bonnie Plant Farm's 3rd Grade Cabbage Program distributes free cabbage plants to third-graders

Maria Adams of Oelwein was the Iowa winner of Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. Last year, more than 1.5 million students from 45 states participated in the contest.



across the country to foster an interest in gardening and the environment. The cabbages produce oversized heads, making the process even more exciting for kids. As part of the program, this wholesaler gives a \$1,000 Series I U.S. Savings Bond to one student in each state to be used for college expenses.

WEB SITE: www.bonnieplants.com

International Flower Bulb Centre and U.S. Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

The goal of this site is to help educators use flower bulbs in creative ways to teach science, art, history and other subjects – and to help children and youth appreciate the joy and wonders of gardening in general and flower bulbs in particular.

WEB SITE: www.thebulbproject.org

The American Horticultural Society

This organization has a Youth Gardening section that maintains a list of children's gardening resources to help individuals, schools and groups start a garden or program and ensure its longevity.

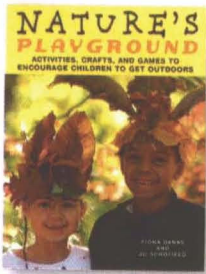
WEB SITE: www.ahs.org



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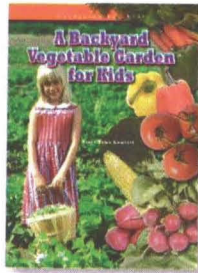
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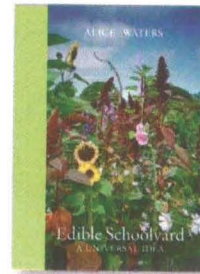
“Nature’s Playground: Activities, Crafts, and Games to Encourage Children to Get Outdoors” by Fiona Danks and Jo Schofield: Published in 2007 by Chicago Review Press, this

book introduces children to the natural world by providing creative, safe and fun activities.



“A Backyard Vegetable Garden for Kids” by Amie Jane Leavitt: Published in 2008 by Mitchell Lane Publishers, this book shows children how to choose plants to grow, what tools they

need, how to prepare a garden plot and techniques to help their vegetables grow.



“Edible Schoolyard: A Universal Idea” by Alice Waters: Published in 2008 by Chronicle Books, this book introduces the concept of “edible education” as a visionary model for sustainable farming and childhood nutrition – and it’s a call to action for schools across the country.