1. Start small.

2. Work with the seasons & the school year schedule.


4. Connect to curriculum.

5. Get students outside!
Raised Beds
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Perennial Herbs
Annual Herbs
Spring Salad
Strawberries
# Rhode Island Planting Calendar for Fruits and Vegetables

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**Other Crops**
Perennial Pollinator Gardens
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Choosing Perennial Plants

Asclepias tuberosa
Butterfly Weed

Vernonia noveboracensis
New York Ironweed

Monarda sp.
Bee Balm

Pycnanthemum spp.
Mountain Mint

Helenium autumnale
Sneezeweed

Solidago sempervirens
Seaside Goldenrod
Fall Bed Preparation
Parts of a School Garden
Signage

- Charles N. Fortes School Garden:
  - This is our outdoor classroom.
  - Please help us to keep it nice.
  - Esta es nuestra clase al aire libre.
  - Por favor, ayúdanos a mantenerla bonita.

- Signage with rules:
  - Please,
  - 1. Respect all living things.
  - 2. Pick only with permission.
  - 3. Always walk on paths.
  - 4. Use tools safely.
  - 5. Leave the garden cleaner than you found it.
  - Thank you.

- Signage in Spanish:
  - Por favor,
  - 1. Respeten todas las cosas que viven.
  - 2. Recógan solo con permiso.
  - 3. Caminen en los caminitos.
  - 4. Useen herramientas con cuidado.
  - 5. Dejen el jardín más limpio cuando lo hayan visitado.

- Pumpkin Experience by Room 401 Scientists:
  - We are watching them change!

- Signage:
  - Please do not dig.
  - Room 401's beloved pet fish rests in peace here.

- Signage with plant names:
  - potatoes
  - plantains
  - dandelions
  - potato tuberosum in java
Hybrid School-Community Garden Model