

Roots and Shoots Intergenerational School Garden

Waddell Elementary School and the Lexington community have formed a close partnership that provides a unique learning experience for our students. The garden is where our students, known as “Shoots”, and older community volunteers, “Roots” grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs together as “garden friends.” Each grade has its own theme garden with carefully designed lesson plans that allow diversity and continuity to the year round garden program.

The Roots and Shoots Garden allows students to have a direct, hands-on connection to the natural world where they can experience the seasonal changes of the garden and understand the interrelationships of all living and non-living things in a garden habitat. They also understand that their food is a precious gift from the soil, water, air and sunlight. This natural connection provides an invaluable balance to our manmade world with its ever-increasing technology. Nature is their teacher! The natural sciences are brought to life and interwoven with opportunities for music, art, math, literature, poetry, and history. A garden program for children can be a gift that will last a lifetime.

For more information on our Roots and Shoots program please go to www.rootsnshoots.info.