



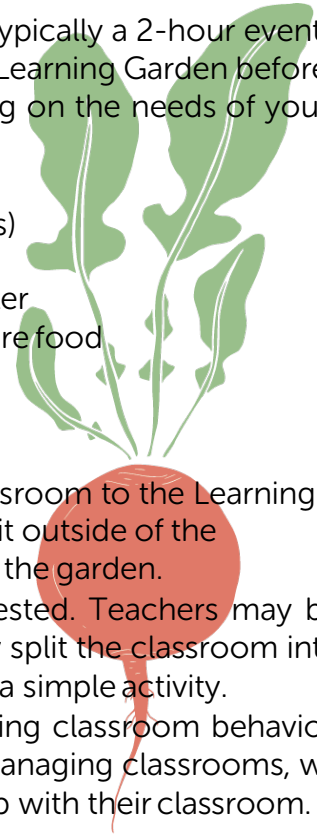
# TEACHER & CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

For planting or harvest days led by Big Green

Thank you for choosing to bring your classroom out to work in your Learning Garden with Big Green! This document provides a general overview of what you can expect and how you can best prepare your classroom to work in their Learning Garden. Connect with your Garden Team for more specifics around your Planting or Harvest Day!

## Planting or Harvest Day Overview

- Big Green will work with several classrooms during one event, typically a 2-hour event. You can expect that other classrooms will be coming out to the Learning Garden before and /or after your classroom to help plant or harvest depending on the needs of your garden.
- Class Schedule: (typically 30 minute rotations)
  - Welcome, Introductions, and Explanation of Tasks (5 minutes)
  - Garden Tasks (20 minutes)
  - ✓ Planting Day - prepare soil, plant seeds or seedlings, and water
  - ✓ Harvest Day – harvest, weigh, record, and distribute or prepare food
  - Wrap up (5 minutes)



## Teacher Expectations

- **Schedule and Timing:** Teachers are expected to bring their classroom to the Learning Garden as scheduled. If your class arrives early or late, please wait outside of the Learning Garden until the previous class has finished working in the garden.
- **Garden Tasks:** Teachers should expect to participate as requested. Teachers may be asked to participate in garden activities. Big Green staff also may split the classroom into groups and teachers may be asked to lead one of the groups in a simple activity.
- **Classroom Management:** Teachers are responsible for managing classroom behavior. Although our staff is experienced with engaging students and managing classrooms, we expect teachers to stay engaged and we defer to their leadership with their classroom.

## Student Expectations

- **Dirt:** Students should expect to get their hands dirty and/or wet. The soil in the Learning Garden washes off easily so plan extra time to wash hands on your way inside.
- **Clothing and Shoes:** Please ask your students to wear close-toed shoes and clothing that can get dirty.
- **Participation:** We want every student to participate! If students are feeling extra shy, we will do our best to provide opportunities to include students as they feel comfortable. As their teacher please support all students by encouraging participation!
- **FUN!:** Prepare your students to have a good time in the Learning Garden! We put a lot of attention on trying new things, working together, and having loads of fun during our Learning Garden Events. We hope to leave you and your students with not only a great experience but also a smile and excitement about your school's Learning Garden!