



*“There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colors are brighter, the air is softer, and the morning more fragrant than ever again.”*

—Elizabeth Lawrence

Welcome to the Children’s Garden! You are about to enter a magical world of plants, lovingly cared for and planted by children like you. There are so many things to do in the garden: pick some weeds, dig in the sand, taste a lettuce leaf (only with a grownup’s permission, of course!), smell the chocolate peppermint, picnic in the sunflower house, check the rain gauge, or get up-close with the birds and the bugs, just to name a few.

As you explore the Children’s Garden, you can use this map to learn more about what makes this garden so special. The garden changes from season to season, so we invite you to visit throughout the year.



### Gardening with Children How To Books:

*Roots Shoots Buckets & Boots*, by Sharon Lovejoy  
*Gardening with Children*, by Monnika Hanneman  
*Gardening Wizardry for Kids*, by L. Patricia Kite  
*Kids Garden!*, by Avery Hart and Pal Mantell

### Garden-Themed Children’s Fiction:

*Oh Say Can You Seed?*, by Bonnie Worth  
*Wiggle and Waggle*, by Caroline Arnold  
*Rosie’s Posies*, by Marcy Dunn Ramsey  
*The Tiny Seed*, by Eric Carle  
*Eddie’s Garden*, by Sarah Garland  
*Jack’s Garden*, by Henry Cole  
*Whose Garden Is It?*, by Mary Ann Hoberman  
*A Place for Butterflies*, by Melissa Stewart

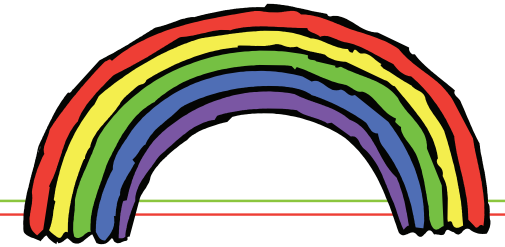
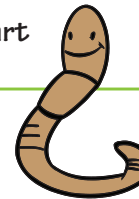
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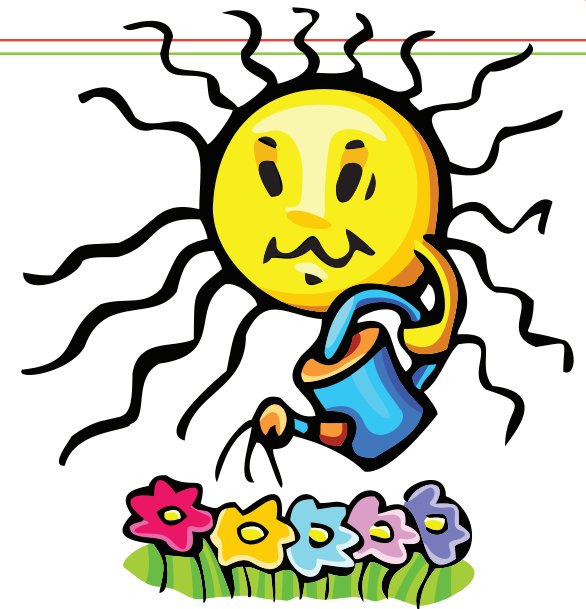


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# Children’s Funshine Garden Map



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## The Sunflower House

Lie down inside our sunflower house and enjoy the giant sunflower faces smiling down on you! This perfect playhouse will attract many kinds of visitors, including hummingbirds zipping in for a sip of nectar; ladybugs who like to feast on pollen; and small mammals, birds, and insects hungry for yummy sunflower seeds.

## Xeriscape Garden

A xeriscape (pronounced "zeri-scape") garden is a water-saving garden. The native plants found here need less water than plants that come from other parts of the world. That's because they have adapted to growing in the conditions typical of the Eastern Shore.

## Pollinator Garden

Have you heard the buzz? Bees, butterflies, and a variety of other insects are a gardener's best friend! As insects gather pollen, some pollen from the male part of a flower is brushed onto the female part. Once the flower is pollinated and fertilized, new seeds begin to develop deep inside the flower.

This pollinator garden is full of native plants that pollinators love. By inviting pollinators into the garden, we are planting the seeds for next year's flowers.

## Buckets and Barrels

Anyone can make space for a garden! Plant a bucket or a barrel or even a boot instead! Containers big and small make great mini-gardens, as long as you allow for drainage. In the Funshine Garden, barrels are home to strawberries, a grapevine, a cluster of water-loving cranberry plants (lining the barrel with plastic creates a bog environment), and an ever-changing array of seasonal blooming flowers.



Sunflower House



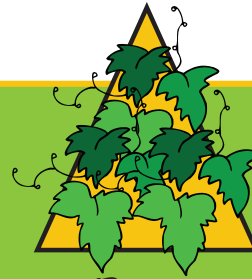
Xeriscape Garden



Pollinator Garden



Cranberries



Bean Tee Pee

## The Bean Teepee

Escape into the bean teepee and enjoy the shade provided by a tangle of bean, gourd, and honeysuckle vines. What a great place to daydream!



Vine Arbor

Catmint



3 Sisters



Rainbow Garden



Sensory Herb Garden



Dirt Patch



The Bunny Patch

## The Three Sisters Garden

This garden celebrates the ancient Native American tradition of companion gardening. In a companion garden, plants help each other out. The "three sisters" in this garden are corn, beans, and squash. Corn provides support for the beans, the beans take nitrogen from the air and give it to the soil, and big squash leaves reduce weeds and help to hold in water.

## Rainbow Garden

Want to live healthy? Eat a rainbow! A rainbow of veggies, that is. Our rainbow garden is chocked full of colorful, nutritious veggies like eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes that taste as great as they look.

## Sensory Herb Garden

It's time to look, touch, smell, and taste! From sweet chocolate peppermint to savory sage to tangy lemon balm, the herb garden is a delight to the senses. In addition to spicing up food, herbs have been used as medicine for thousands of years. Lemon balm tea can soothe a sore throat, and peppermint can settle an upset stomach. Chamomile and lavender relax, as does catnip (unless you're a cat, of course.)

Most herbs love sun and are perennials. Perennials are plants that survive through the winter and reappear every spring, providing enjoyment year after year. The only herb in this garden that is not a perennial is basil.

## The Bunny Patch

This "bunny patch" is a very inviting place for small mammals who enjoy crisp, juicy greens. While you're here, get in touch with your inner bunny and try a leaf yourself.

Entrance