

Environmental Education Activity Form

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TEACHER:

GRADE:1

DATE:8-18-07

CURRICULUM UNIT: The Garden TITLE:Making a potted plant for the teacher

ESTIMATED TIME REQUIRED TO FINISH PROJECT: 20 minutes

LIST OF MATERIALS: Hand trowel, Terracotta pot for plant, baby wipes, grocery bag for discarding wipes, paint pens, Thank you card for all the children to sign and a pen.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Take a group of children outside to the Children's Garden courtyard. Using the paint pens put paint on each of the children's thumbs and place the child's thumb on the pot. Ask them to choose a color and draw their name under their thumb print with a paint pen. Allow them to use the wipe to clean their hands.

After all the children have painted the pot with their thumbs dig out the Tall Perennial (or which ever plant you like) for your teacher. Make certain to dig enough dirt around the plant so as to not disturb too many roots.

Fill the pot with some of the dirt from the garden first, then place the plant in the pot leaving about two inches from the top of the pot. Add a little more loose dirt from the garden to sprinkle on the top. Dress the top of the pot with wood mulch from the garden. Water slightly as to not drip through the hallway when you are presenting the plant to the teacher.

Make certain all the children sign the thank you card.

WHAT WORKED? It seems to work better is you take groups of children out to the courtyard at once. Taking the whole class seems to be a bit chaotic. This activity is best when used like a station (when 3 or 4 other activities are going on at once in different stations)

WHAT DID NOT WORK?

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS: