## **GETTING STARTED**

## Introduction

School gardens are more than a collection of plants. They are learning laboratories, which put the natural world at students' fingertips.



Children enjoy learning through the direct experiences a garden can provide, which encompasses both the natural and academic world. A garden, whether it is a single planter box or several raised beds, offers a rich context for exploring science, nutrition, social studies, math, art, language arts, and more. There is much to be learned while caring for the green and growing plants of this world.