Pocantico Hills School Pre-K *Little Cooks and Gardeners Program*, Fall 2014

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The Little Cooks and Gardeners Program was planned and developed as a cooperative partnership between the Pocantico Hills School and the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture.



The Little Cooks and Gardeners' Program was funded by the Pocantico Hills Foundation. Twenty-eight Pre-K students took part in the program from the two Pre-K classes.



Each Pre-K class had three visits to Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture.



Our School's First Guiding Principal is that "The Common Core Standards are only the first step toward academic achievement and student growth."



During each visit students had the opportunity to harvest food.



During each visit students had the chance to help prepare and eat a healthy meal.



During each visit, our Pre-K students were introduced to the concepts of farming and seasonality.



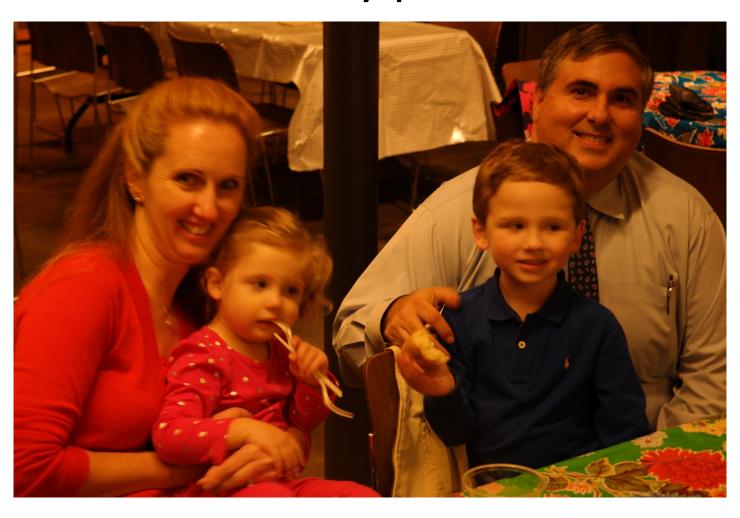
Our Third Guiding Principal is that "Joyful and Passionate teaching and learning should set the tone for our school environment."



On November 5th, sixteen Pre-K families gathered at Stone Barns for the final activity: a Family Dinner.



Parent feedback to the Program was extremely positive.



In the Spring, Pre-K students will continue this gardening work at our school. They will plant seeds and watch their own plants grow. They will learn more about their five senses.

