

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.

