

# Introducing: The Learning Garden at R.H. Dana



When the time is right,  
the garden can be a  
great place for active  
learning.

A lesson on  
prediction was about  
to take place...



The experience began in the classroom where the students were asked to make a list of what they expected to see in the garden. Then they went out to observe and take notes.



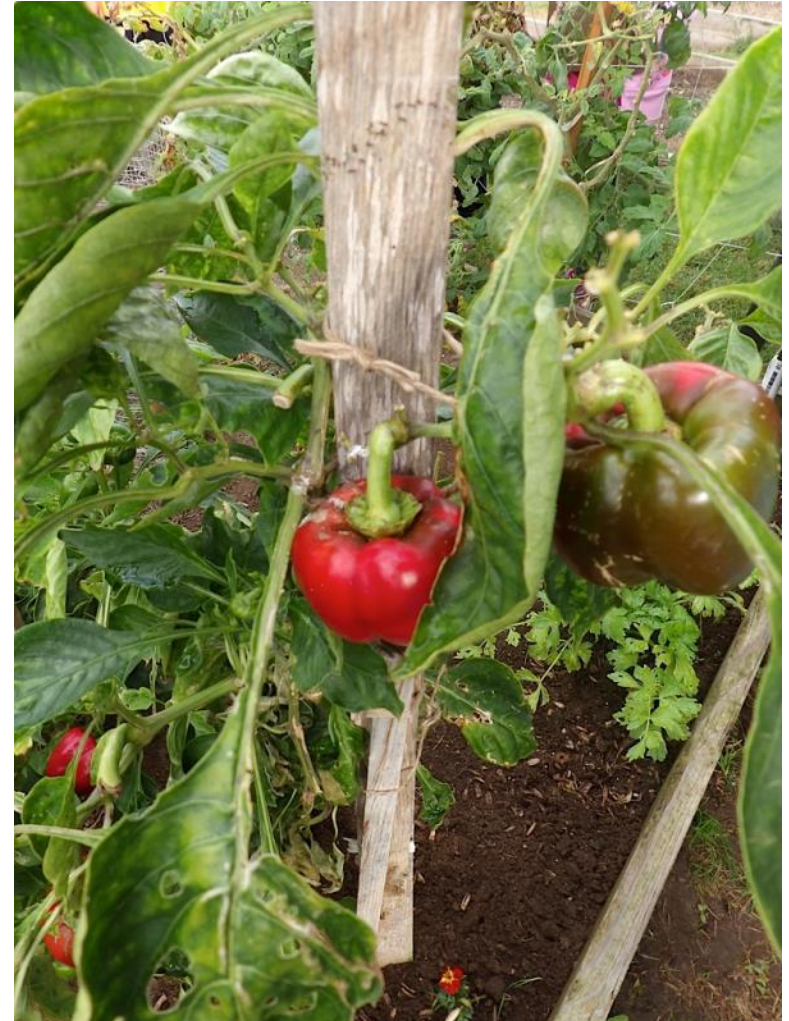
Once outside, the students made another list but this time, they had to record what they actually observed out in the garden.





The students were interested in sharing their many observations.

The kids also noticed that things can sometimes go wrong in the garden. They found an unhealthy bell pepper plant that needed attention.





The students compared herbs and learned to differentiate similar ones such as parsley and cilantro. They noted similar leaves with very distinct aromas.

They were encouraged to touch and smell...



...observe,  
and taste.



Once the lesson was over, the students went back to the classroom to compare their lists.



Another successful lesson!





Volunteers are always welcome to assist in the garden. We have a multitude of tasks ranging from big to small and any help is always appreciated.