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- Palo Alto Unified School District
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- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
- Summerwinds Nursery and Suncrest Nurseries
- Whole Foods Market

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Our Goals

Educate | Plant | Cultivate
Believe in tomorrow.

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Volunteers and Docents

Our Lessons

A sampling of the 50+ lessons we offer:

- **Growing Vegetable Soup**
  - First grade students harvest vegetables they planted in the school garden to prepare a tasty and nutritious vegetable soup.

- **From Seed to Pretzel**
  - Second grade students experience the life cycle of wheat by planting wheat seeds in the fall, harvesting, threshing, and grinding the wheat to make their own pretzels.

- **Native American Uses of California Native Plants**
  - Students learn how Native Americans relied on California Native plants for their livelihood; explore the native habitat gardens to find plants important for food, medicine, shelter, hunting, and basketry; and grind acorns, a staple food for local Native Americans.

- **Garden Greetings!**
  - Kindergarten students explore the garden while planting seedlings, practicing using tools safely, and going on a senses scavenger hunt.

- **Three Sisters Garden**
  - In the spring, third grade students plant a garden as a gift to next year’s class. During the fall, incoming third graders harvest and measure the crops.

- **Finding and Following the Harvest Trail**
  - Students follow the harvest trail through the gardens to find plants important for food, medicine, shelter, and basketry.

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First Grade Teacher

The name ‘Living Classroom’ says it all! Students were very engaged during the lesson as most of it was a hands-on experience. They had many opportunities to explore their surroundings and observe phenomena that otherwise they would have missed. The lessons have definitely planted the curiosity seed in my students.

In the 2018/2019 school year, we will:

- Conserve and enhance 50 school gardens
- Teach 1,500 lessons to 13,500 students
- Provide 29 schools with outdoor learning environments
- Serve 1,100 students in the Mountain View Whisman, Campbell Union, Los Altos and Palo Alto Unified School Districts

For more information, visit our website: living-classroom.org/getinvolved or email us at info@living-classroom.org.