

COMPOST KIDS

Springhurst is proud to be one of many schools across the nation that is demonstrating their commitment to a more sustainable Earth, stronger communities, and healthier, productive learning environments for students.

COMPOST KIDS: “Growing Soil to Growing Food: Composting and Us” helps students understand what it means to close the loop on the food cycle. By diverting cafeteria food waste from landfills and turning it back into soil, healthy plants will grow.

This supports the organic garden in the Outdoor Classroom which provides great opportunities to instill lifelong environmental and nutritional literacy for all K-5 students. The compost generated through **COMPOST KIDS** will continue to nurture plant growth and support our garden’s stability.

The seven lessons conducted monthly in Kindergarten from winter to spring, teach the fundamentals of composting and soil care as they relate to growing food in a sustainable way. This program also provides project based learning opportunities for young scientists to conduct research in a living laboratory within their own school which complements the Springhurst science and social studies curriculum. Students will understand that we don’t feed our plants, but instead we feed the *soil* in order to grow our own healthy food.

In addition to enhancing the classroom curriculum, the program inspires personal and social responsibility. Students with a wide variety of learning styles and abilities obtain life skills through their collaborative and cooperative hands-on group activities. They have an opportunity to give back to their home and school community by becoming stewards of responsible waste reduction. One of the objectives is to teach our children that we do not live in a single use, disposable lifestyle.

I look forward to sharing **COMPOST KIDS** with you!

Sincerely,

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