First Grade May Garden Visit Lesson Plan Exploring the Garden

Objective: Students will be able to discover living things in the garden that have roots, stems, flowers, and leaves, as well as determine how those external parts are crucial for survival.

Standard: 1-LS1.A: Structure and Function: All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow.

Materials:

- Plant Nature Hunt
- Surface to write on
- Pencils

Activities:

Once arriving in the garden, the teacher(s) can explain how a garden is home to many plants and creatures. The teacher(s) will explain to the students that today they are going to explore the garden though a nature walk. The teacher(s) can explain how each living thing in the garden habitat has external parts that help them survive in the garden such as roots, stems, and leaves. Students will explore the garden and the perimeter of the garden. While exploring the garden the students will draw and label things that have roots, stems, leaves and flowers. After, the class can discuss what they found and illustrated, as well as explain how that part helps the plant survive.