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La Cima Elementary Charter School
Thanks the BQLT!





La Cima Elementary is in its 2nd year of partnership with the BQLT's Patchen Avenue Community Garden, creating an interdisciplinary program that promotes science, social studies and art through community engagement. We closely tie our garden-based learning with work being done in school and with relevant, ongoing community garden projects. Our garden curriculum includes topics such as trees, plants, animals, insects, impact of humans on the environment, recycling, neighborhood and community.



Teachers incorporate trips to the garden to provide a hands-on experience that scholars would never get inside their classrooms.

Our Kindergarten scholars observe plants and roots to learn about similarities and differences.

First graders take garden walks to learn about living and non-living things.

2nd and 3rd graders use their experience clearing the beds and planting the seeds to witness and comment on the life-cycle of plants.



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We believe that experiential learning is an important component of developing the whole child.

Through our collaboration with the Patchen Avenue Garden we fundamentally enhance the education of our students, while at the same time developing the next generation of community activists.

Together, we will help grow a network of people that are passionate and committed to the environment, sustainable living, and community activism.

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