

# The Living Classroom



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## NYS STANDARD

NYS Standard -**MST4: Science**

## GRADE LEVEL

Grades K-6

## STUDENTS SERVED

430 students

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant was to facilitate the use of an outdoor space as a classroom. The teaching material within this outdoor classroom space is the living environment. The facilitation is the enrichment of the environment with such things as plant materials, bird and butterfly houses, a birdbath, rain gauge, sundial, bird feeder, and seating for scientific observation and learning.

Team members identified final educational goals, developed final plans for enrichment of the classroom environment, prepared assignments for implementation of the development and education plans, initiated a student garden club as a resource for gardening work plans, allocated the use of project funds in accordance with plans, and developed appropriate student, teacher and parent evaluation forms.

Resources that were needed to implement the grant were a birdhouse, butterfly house, rain gauge, seating, bird feeder, birdbath, sundial, and plant materials.

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

By the end of the grant students were able to witness and describe the life cycles of plants and animals within the living environment. Students studied habitats and were able to observe the garden through sensory experiences.