Children's Gardens
in which to Learn & Grow

Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
Who We Are...

- Oklahoma State University—Stillwater
- 3rd Year Design I Students
- Landscape Architecture and Landscape Contracting Majors
  - a field that applies both art and science together in research to design both natural and built environments
Why We Are Here...

- To explain what a garden can be
- To show you examples of different types of gardens
- To find out what you would like to see in a garden
What do you think of when you hear the word “garden”?

- Maybe grandpa’s garden in the backyard
- Maybe a little square of dirt for growing vegetables
- Maybe…
What A Garden Can Be...

- Anything you want
  - relaxing or exciting
  - educational
  - fun to look at or play in
  - mentally or physically stimulating
  - quiet or loud
  - indoor or outdoor
  - colorful
There are many different types of gardens

- Food gardens
- Rock gardens
- Flower gardens
- Alphabet gardens
- Topiary gardens
- Interactive gardens
- Sculpture gardens
- Biology gardens
- Art gardens
- And many more types of gardens
Food gardens

- Herbs
  - Basil
  - Garlic
  - Thyme
  - Rosemary

- Vegetables
- Everything that goes in spaghetti or pizza
Rock gardens

Spring in the Rock Garden
Australian National Botanic Gardens
- Colorful Flowers & Plants
- Fragrant Flowers
- Textured Flowers
Alphabet gardens

- Letters represent kinds of plants or things related to subjects

“B” is for Butterfly Bush
Topiary gardens

Shapes can be anything:

- Characters in books
- People in history
- Animals in science
...even a topiary dragon in the garden!
Interactive gardens

- Where you can
  - plant flowers
  - fish
  - catch bugs
Sculpture Gardens

- Giant insects!
- Imaginary characters
Biology Gardens

- Butterflies
- Insect Zoos
- Wildlife Ponds
Art Gardens

- Hanging Art
- Model Trains
- Kites
Did you know that gardens could be used for learning?

A theme garden could be used to help you learn about literature, science, or history.

Any subject that is taught could be used.
We need your help!

- Tell us what you would like to see in a children’s garden.
- Draw us a picture.