Easy, Fun Ways to Bring the Garden into Your Classroom

**Math**
- Gardens provide many opportunities to practice measuring: mapping the garden space, tracking plant growth, ensuring individual plants are correctly spaced, etc.
- Involve the students in drawing up a budget for the garden—this will both improve math skills and make them more aware of all that goes into maintaining a garden.

**Science**
- Study the life cycle of plants in class; highlight processes such as pollination, germination, photosynthesis, etc.
- Use composting as an opportunity to discuss decomposition.

**English**
- Incorporate garden-related books into English curriculum, like *The Secret Garden*.
- Use the garden as inspiration for a poetry or journaling unit.

**History**
- Research plant use in different cultures over time (plants as medicine, food, etc.)
- Trace the history of a specific species growing in your garden.

**Art**
- Ask students to help create decorations for the garden such as stepping stones, scarecrows, or crop signs.
- Use the garden as inspiration for drawing, painting, or photography.