

NOTE TO TEACHERS AND DOCENTS

Please review these Garden Agreements with students in depth on the first lesson and review them before visiting the garden during all following lessons. Refer to these agreements whenever you are confronted with a classroom management issue. Keep your tone positive and remind students of the agreements they have made, encouraging them to take personal responsibility for their choices, words, and actions.

* I WILL BE SAFE

- in the Garden:** I will walk only on the pathways, not inside the garden beds or border. I will step safely so I do not fall or crush the plants.
- with the Creatures:** I will ask an adult which bugs are okay to pick up – some bugs bite and sting, others do not.
- with the Tools:** I will always carry tools low to the ground and use them for their intended purpose.
- with my Body:** I will wash my hands well with soap and water after I work in the garden and before harvesting and eating. I will wash my garden vegetables before I eat them.

* I WILL BE KIND

- to the Garden:** I will care for our seeds and plants by treating them gently and making sure they are watered.
- to the Creatures:** I will handle garden bugs gently and put them back where I found them.
- to the Tools:** I will put tools back where they belong and always clean up after myself.
- to Others:** I will share with others and use kind and respectful words in the garden.

* I WILL HAVE AN OPEN MIND

- I will use all my senses to make observations in the garden.
- I will listen to adults and raise my hand when I have a question or comment.
- I will try new things, like touching soil and tasting vegetables.

* I WILL USE MY TIME WELL

- I will follow directions and stay focused.
- I will take my time to do each job well.
- I will help others when my job is finished.



Garden Agreements were inspired by Amanda Rieux, Mala'ai Culinary Garden, Waimea Middle School, Hawai'i Island

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