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Bianca recently visited a garage sale and spotted a stack of books. Two of the books caught her eyes, as they were on the subject of gardening! She paid the 20 cents for the books and happily carried them home.

The following day she came running up to me and excitedly showed me her new books. What happened next left me speechless. She pulled out a multi-paged handwritten list of plants and flowers and specific information for each. She explained to me that she had gone through both books and made notes of each plant that could be fitting for one of her fellow gardeners theme gardens. I was so impressed that she had made a list not only of plants appropriate for her own nighttime garden, but had made lists for almost all the theme gardens, including such plants as Canterbury bells and trumpet flowers for Tiger's music garden and butterfly weed for Angela's winged wonderland garden. She rewrote the list on individual notes and put them in the appropriate gardeners mailbox. Everyone was so thankful.

Just last week Bianca made a homemade piñata for a Friday community day. She spent each evening for a week creating the most professional looking piñata I had ever laid eyes on! It was her idea to leave the piñata painted white and bring it to class to allow for the entire group to share in the last part of its creation – the decoration. She filled it with sacks of treats. Once the piñata broke open and everyone scattered for their treats, upon realizing some of the bags had busted open along with the piñata, and there were too few for everyone she insisted everyone else take a bag instead of her because she had some treats when she stuffed the piñata. (side note: another wonderful Global Gardener, Reece Campos, offered to share his with her, so all ends well!)

A month ago, Bianca brought an idea to her Global Gardens family for discussion. She had been at home the night before and began dreaming up the idea for a Global Gardens newspaper, created monthly by the gardeners themselves. The group loved it and Bianca led the entire afternoon class, recording a brilliant brainstorming session of the group's newspaper ideas and interest. She set a deadline for entries and, if you are reading this, she accomplished her goal as editor-in-chief!

I constantly overhear other Global Gardeners talking about how nice Bianca is or how she helped them with one thing or another in their gardens. Bianca extends this kindness and assistance past the walls of Rosa Parks and past the field of Global Gardens and has begun similar efforts in her neighborhood community. She recently saw an older woman doing lawn work in her yard and Bianca encouraged her friends to join her and assist the woman. They did and Bianca and the woman were so happy. The most recent update from Bianca is she is beginning to organize the development of a community garden in her neighborhood. She is amazing!

The reason I have chosen Bianca (if it isn't clear already!), is obviously because she is undoubtedly not only a Global Gardens leader and community leader but also because she doesn't do it for attention or praise from her peers or myself. Rather, she does them because they are in her heart and she has developed the courage to follow her dreams and make changes in the world she wants to see. She is creating the world in which she wants to live. Bianca's accomplishments and courage inspire us all to listen to our own dreams and make the world around us better.

Just last week, Wendy Cervantes came up to me holding fistfuls of mint given to her by Bianca. After she approached Wendy looked up at me and said 'Ms. Annie, isn't it amazing how nice Bianca is? She is so nice and helpful, don't you agree?'

Wendy, I absolutely agree. Thank you for being you, Bianca. You are a star...how appropriate you have a nighttime garden!



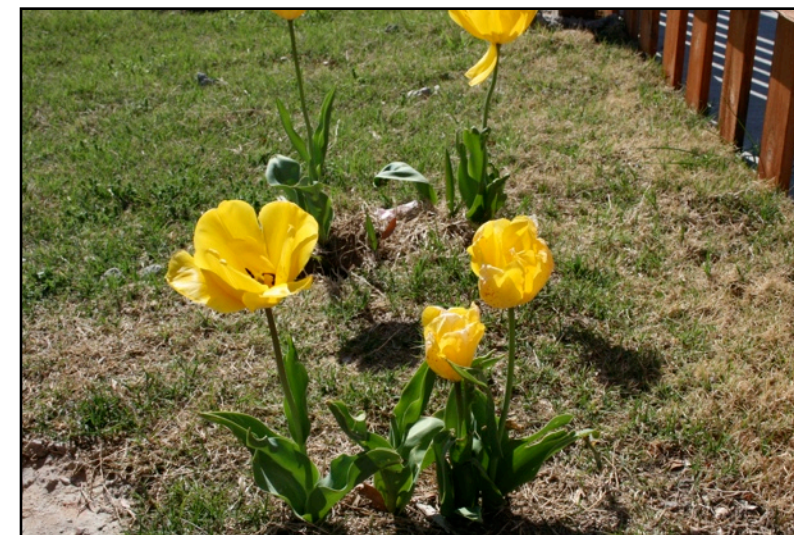
# GG Newspaper

## A new kind of experiment

*A paper by Rosa Parks Global Gardeners for our school*

### Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the Global Gardens newspaper. In April I was looking through a newspaper and saw a garden and then that's when it hit me! We should do a Global Gardens newspaper! I told Ms. Annie and she thought it was a great idea. She set up a Friday to tell the groups my idea! They had millions of great ideas. I was amazed! Our plan is to publish the newspaper once a month. In this newspaper you will learn a variety of stuff. For example how to make crafts and an eggplant recipe (yum!) and happenings in the garden. This newspaper would not have been accomplished without the awesome Global Gardens writers. I hope you enjoy this newspaper! -Bianca Pineda



Tulips are flowers that you can plant and if the petals come off, like if they are falling apart, you can take off the stem and the leaves, and you can still plant them! By Mitali

### Meet the Contributors

EMMA R.



Emma, a 3rd grader has an art garden in 3rd grade

KARA & EMMA L.



Kara, 5th grade, and Emma L., 3rd grade, share a care garden

CONNOR



A 4th grader, Connor has a medicinal garden

MITALI



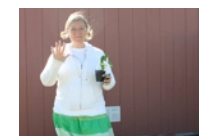
A 5th grader Mitali has an Indian garden

SAMANTHA



A 4th grader, she has a love and peace garden

MS. ANNIE



Leads the Global Gardens and has two raised beds

DAVID



A 3rd grader, David has a Mexican garden



## GARDEN OF THE MONTH: GIRLS GARDEN

BY KARA AND EMMA L.

Kara and Emma chose Casey and Michelle's garden as the garden of the month. They interviewed them about their garden!

K&E: Why did you choose this theme?

C&M: Because we are girls and we wanted a garden for girls!

K&E: What are your plans for your garden?

C&M: To make things that girls like.

K&E: What are you going to plant?

C&M: Lamb's ear, Black Eyed Susan, Lavender, strawberry, Blue Hill Sylvia, Money Plant and Day Lily.

K&E: Why did you choose these plants?

C&M: Because these plants are what girls like.

K&E: Do you like gardening?

C&M: Yeah, of course.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BY SAMANTHA

Eggplant Tahini

2 1/2 t. coconut oil

1 large eggplant

4 c. water

5 t. lemon juice

1/4 c. tahini (sesame seed paste)

2 t. fresh garlic, peeled & finely chopped

4 t. olive oil

1/2 c. red bell peppers, sliced

1/2 c. yellow bell peppers, sliced

1 c. Roma or plum tomatoes, diced

2 t. fresh dill, chopped

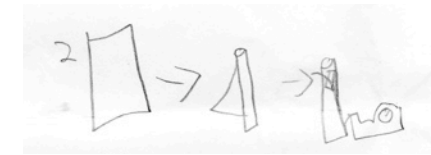
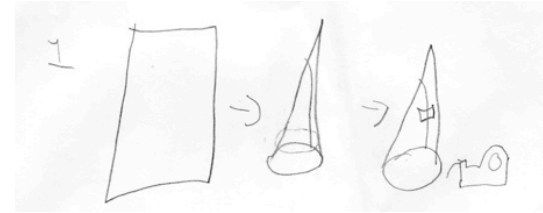
sea salt and black pepper to taste



## GARDEN CRAFT OF THE MONTH

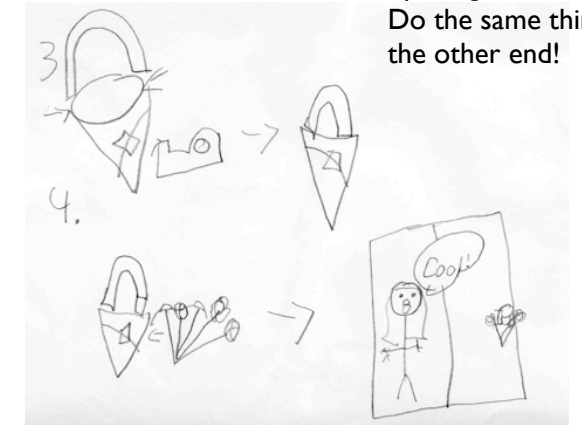
HOW TO MAKE A MAY BASKET!!! BY EMMA R.

Step 1: Take a piece of paper, roll it into a cone, then tape it!



Step 2: Take another piece of paper and roll it into a paper stick. Tape it.

Step 3: Then take one end of your paper stick and tape it in the opening of the cone. Do the same thing with the other end!



Step 4: Fill your May basket with flowers! Hang it on your neighbor's door! Surprise!!!!

## CATERPILLARS IN OUR GARDEN BY DAVID



Look what Bianca found in the soil and gave it to Reece. And look the caterpillars don't bite! Look at the caterpillar closely, maybe you can see the eyes. I can! First I was scared but Reece said it does not hurt so I tried it and it felt funny.



Look what Reece did! He put a stick in his garden for the caterpillar to climb up and down. That's very nice. Reece gave me one caterpillar to put in my garden. It looks cool. I hope the caterpillars make it. The picture you see above is Reece's hand with caterpillars on it.

## GARDEN TIP BY CONNOR

Darrin has fertilizer to help your plants grow. He makes it out of different plant roots.

## GARDENER OF THE MONTH: BIANCA PINEDA BY MS. ANNIE

I love my job. It would appear to anyone who walks by the fifth grade pod at 4:00 pm that I am surrounded by a group of nature-loving gardeners. While I wouldn't disagree at all, my favorite element of my job lies a bit deeper. It rests within the freedom of Global Gardens to allow its gardeners the opportunity to create their own program, and on a great scale, their own world.

This opportunity is available to the gardeners from Day 1 of the program, and over time leadership qualities begin to take root. And from time to time these leadership qualities grow so strong and beautiful within a gardener that they should be entered in the state fair...(or at the very least deserve to be the Gardener of the Month)! I want to use this space to tell you about one such prizewinner.

Bianca Pineda began Global Gardens in the spring of her fourth grade year. She was one of the original Global Gardeners. Bianca has always been kind. That's an innate gift she carries with her. She has always participated during class time, listening and commenting about what we are learning. She has always attended class, been on time, and has let me know ahead of time if she cannot attend. These are all characteristics that have helped Bianca to become a great Global Gardener. It's what Bianca did next that has unquestionably made Bianca an exceptional Global Gardener, and why I have chosen her as May's Gardener of the Month.

Since beginning with Global Gardens, Bianca has taken her gift of kindness and sculpted it into supreme goodwill and generosity. We have all been touched by her thoughtfulness and love. She is a friend to all, a provider of smiles, a giver of hugs, an offerer of encouragement, a supplier of hope and a spreader of peace.

There are numerous examples I could share with you of countless times Bianca has exhibited each of these skills, but I will attempt to limit them to only a few. I should add that the examples I am sharing below have impressively all occurred in only the last month! *Story continued on back page...*