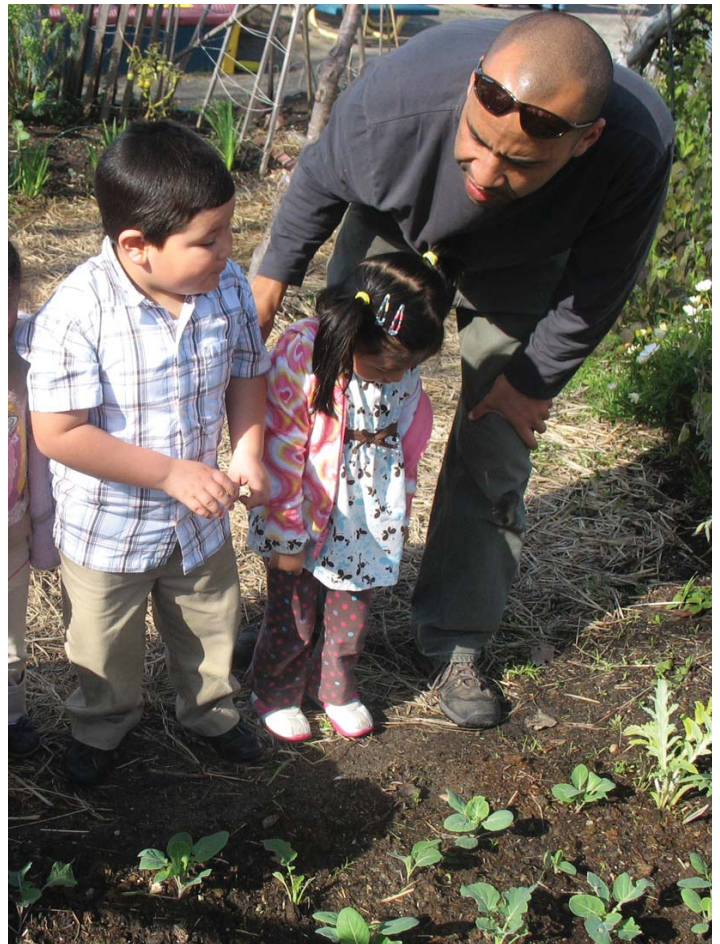


Preschool Garden Program Highlights

Gardening from the Ground Up!

This school year promises to bring new and exciting opportunities to Berkeley's three child development centers (CDCs) and their students. Two of the school campuses, King and Franklin CDC, received brand new site buildings over the summer. And this spring, those two campuses will participate in the construction of new organic vegetable gardens at their sites with funds from the California Department of Education (CDE) school garden grant. King CDC is located next to Berkeley Technology Academy (B-Tech) and the independent studies high school programs. Working in conjunction with the B-Tech students, we will soon begin to design and create a functional and beautiful garden to be used as an invaluable learning resource for the students. Likewise at Franklin CDC, with the help of retired Berkeley school teacher Louise Rosenkrantz, and the UC Berkeley Extension's Jumpstart program, we will soon be devising and bringing into existence, yet another educationally enriching school garden. Lastly, at the pre-existing Hopkins CDC, we have already started to learn what healthy soil is comprised of! We have started by collecting left over and uneaten fruits, vegetables and grains from snack and lunch, along with the available leaves, weeds and grass trimmings outside, and have piled them into our compost box, ultimately to further buildup, and bring fertility to our garden, and thusly, to our students.

Chris Nakao, Garden Instructor



Teacher Chris and students check up on their starts in the Hopkins garden.



Students review various greens they have tasted before their winter greens stir-fry tasting.