



## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 12

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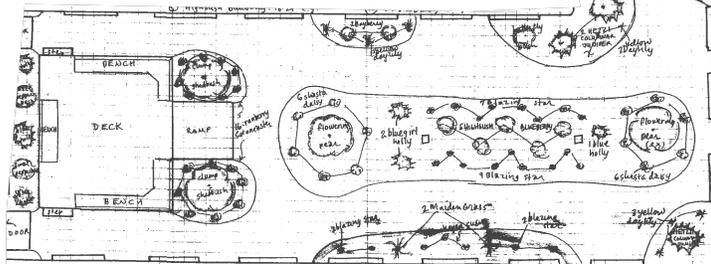
### PROJECT PLANT

**GOAL:** Transform a very large, barren courtyard into an inviting, comfortable environment to be enjoyed by all.

A simple sketch and idea is the beginning step to designing a courtyard space. Be sure to indicate the location of utilities such as electric outlets and water faucets (if they are available!) Many courtyard projects have included the upgrading, relocation, or installation of these items. They are important if you expect to be able to water your newly planted gardens.



Landscape Design by Cedar Hollow encompasses a variety of flowering trees and shrubs, as well as perennials. All plants are native and support local wildlife. The courtyard also features a large, raised platform deck (20' X 28') at one end which serves well as a teacher's instructional area with benches around the perimeter.



### Newsletter Spotlight

#### Plants selected for:

1. Drought Hardiness
2. Attractiveness to Wildlife
3. Minimal Fertilizer Requirements



Students were involved in the planning and placement of plantings. Students needed to consider growth rate, the eventual size of the mature plant (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!—especially in courtyard situations), and sunlight requirements (again, courtyards tend to be microclimates and have temperature and lighting extremes.)

Students are able to utilize the deck areas for a variety of purposes. By providing shade to the area, students can enjoy the 20' X 28" deck for activities.

Students have continued to measure and collect data for the growth of the plants. They have also been involved with collecting data and observations on wildlife habits. The area is also conducive to the school's Earth Day celebrations and activities.

