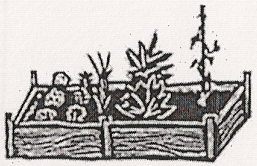
Use the School Garden to help meet the Common Core Writing Standards

Grade Level	Foss Unit	Foss and National Standards	Common Core Writing Standards	Garden Connection	Assessment
5	Environments	The growth and survival of organisms depend on the biotic and abiotic factors in the environment. Lack of resources and other factors limit the growth of populations of organisms. Organisms cause changes in their environment. For ecosystems, the major source of energy is sunlight. Energy from the sun passes from organism to organism in food webs. Resources are things that we get from the living and nonliving environment to meet human needs.	W.5.2. Write informative/ explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. W.5.7. Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.5.8. Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources. W.5.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	**Research Center** 	**District Non-Fiction Writing Rubric** **Foss Unit Assessments**

"For me, spring has always been a season of hope and a time for a new beginnings. Such was the case with our White House Kitchen Garden, which marked the beginning of a learning process for all who planted and tended it. Our garden also helped us begin a national conversation about the food we eat and the impact it has on our children's health. Ultimately, the White House Kitchen Garden is an expression of my hopes for them: Just as each seed we plant has the potential to become something extraordinary, so do does every child." - Michelle Obama