



# RiEX Children's Garden

## Continuing Our Work

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

We continued to prepare our garden. Children and adults worked together to clear the monkey grass and ivy to ready the soil for new plants. We learned the importance of pulling up the monkey grass from the roots and shaking the dirt into the garden to provide a nice layer of soil for new plants.



As we pulled up the monkey grass and ivy, we discovered many hidden creatures under the soil. We gently placed worms and grubs into clear plastic containers to take a closer look. Finally, we began the work of planting new life into our prepared soil.

We planted Marigolds, Impatiens and several herbs. We dug holes in the soil, used our fingers to spread out the roots of our plants, and covered them up with potting soil to make sure they had nutrients. We watered them with watering cans and the hose. We can't wait to see them grow and to continue planting!



We need your help being sure the garden stays watered during the week! Please send us photos and comments from your children related to the garden.

**RiEX team members will be at the garden again on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-12:00 with materials for continuing to plant and laying out stone paths for the garden. We need to enlist the help of older children as well to assist with some of the heavier materials. The weather is forecasting high temperatures, so bring lots of fluids for your family! We hope to see you there!**