

Rotary Gardens' School Education Programs:

Working in partnership for the benefit of area first and third graders

Each program is based on the standards set forth from Janesville school district and Department of Public Instruction.

First Grade Program:

- o Education tables
 - o Plant Parts
 - o Germination
 - o Plants we use
 - o Plants we eat
- o Flower craft
- o Shape, color and texture tour of Rotary Gardens

Third Grade Program:

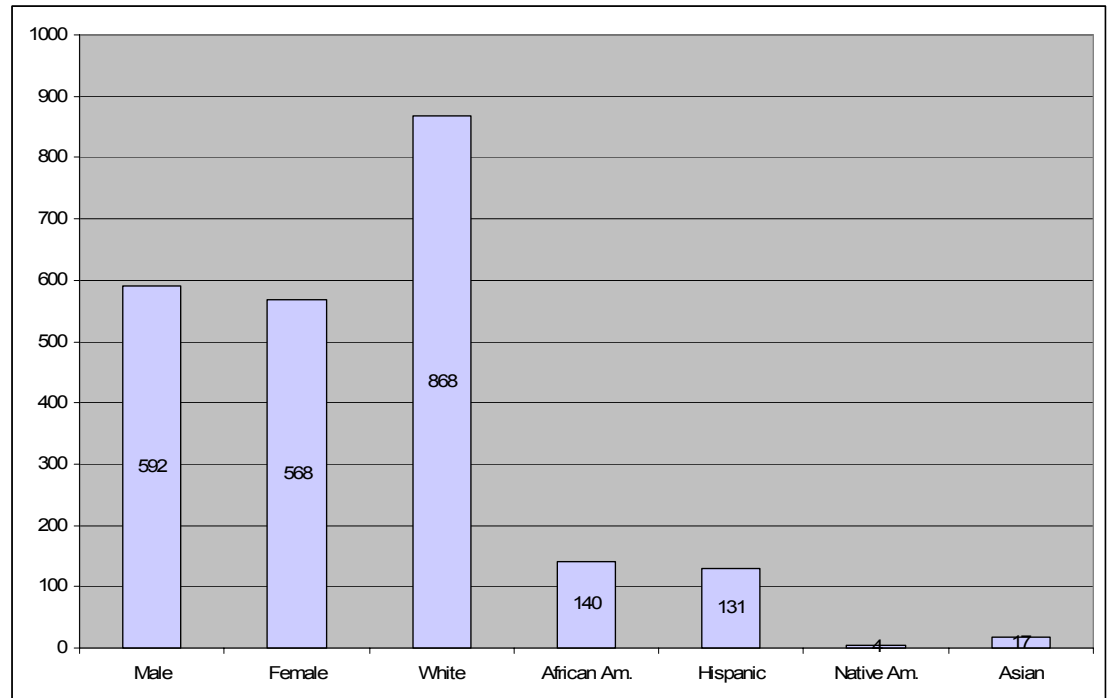
- o How birds make a living
- o Tree friend
- o A dream come true: historical tour of Rotary Gardens

In conjunction with Rotary Gardens and its volunteer base, the spring and falls education programs were refurbished by MGVs and grew by leaps and bounds in 2006. With over 1300 first and third graders visiting the gardens the results were outstanding -- and FUN!

The program became more "little people friendly" with it's emphasis on horticulture, environmental responsibility, man's interaction with nature as well as with each other; but mostly that learning can *always* be fun. The total volunteer hours for youth education went from 60 to over 850 (including both MGV and Rotary Gardens' volunteers). All of the volunteers' hard work paid off immensely; volunteers evaluated program curricula, solicited for help among a pool of volunteers, implemented train-the-trainer sessions, prepared each day's events and greeted each school as they arrived for their session.



Participant Demographics*



*Excludes information from participating private schools; no data available on DPI website.