



OUR CLASSROOMS HAVE NO WALLS

Citygarden features an abundance of kid-friendly works of art and welcomes groups of all ages and abilities, offering self-guided tours designed to inspire educators and parents to get kids excited and curious about art while sharpening their observational skills and critical thinking. Our tours are fun and ideal for teachers who want to engage their students in a flexible outdoor art experience.

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

1. Our self-guided tours feature five sculptures inspired by myths, fables, and classic children's literature, so to enhance your experience, we recommend sharing *Pinocchio* and *Aesop's Fables* with your students prior to your visit.
2. Listen to our audio tour or download the Citygarden App and learn more about each artist and their sculpture. Available on iTunes and the Google Store.
3. Go to [xyz.pdf](#) and download our convenient Citygarden map. Site brochures with maps are also available in the park in boxes around the central walking paths.

WHAT TO BRING TO MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

1. Sketching is a wonderful way to get students to focus on the art, so we encourage classes to come with sketch pads or paper and pencil.
2. Sculptors begin their process by sculpting small-scale models of their works of art called a maquette, so encourage your students to create their own mini sculptures using our homemade dough recipe.

MODELING CLAY

Materials

- 2 cups salt
- 2/3 cups water
- Saucepan
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 cup cold water

Directions

1. Stir salt and water in a saucepan over heat 4-5 minutes.
2. Remove from heat; add cornstarch and cold water.
3. Stir until smooth; return to heat and cook until thick.
4. Allow the clay to cool, then shape as desired.
5. Store unused clay in a Ziploc bag.

3. Or grapes, cheese cubes, and toothpicks make fun sculptures as well as healthy snacks. Just insert the toothpicks into grapes and cheese cubes and let your students create their own edible art.

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT SCULPTURE

1. Upon arriving at Citygarden, look for the number on the circular bronze plaque installed flat on the ground in the area surrounding the sculpture. That's where you'll find the title, artist and dimensions of the sculpture. The sculptures are arranged in numerical order starting at 8th Street and Market.

#4 Eros Bendato

#8 Kindly Geppetto

#13 Aesop's Fables

#15 Big White Gloves, Big Four Wheels

#19 Untitled (Two Rabbits)

2. Because sculpture is a 3-dimensional art form, have your students walk around each sculpture so they can look at it from different angles, and then ask them to describe what they see.

3. Ask open-ended questions that don't have a yes or no answer.

4. Encourage your students to use descriptive language to discuss what they see. Ask Why? Why that subject? Why that color? Why is it here in Citygarden?

5. Connect the ideas that arise from the sculpture discussion with their personal experience.