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## **Green Education for the Home!**

I learned about some cool websites this past weekend—one for garden educators and one for kids wanting to learning more about gardening—through Kathy Huber’s column in the Chronicle. The adult/educator site is through Texas A & M, “Aggie Horticulture,” at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/> and the kids’ site is called “Junior Master Gardener,” at <http://www.jmgkids.us/> There are tons of materials pertinent to learning about all aspects of gardening, student learning, conservation, drought education, etc. on these sites. Go visit and have fun!

I’ll need to research the teacher materials here for future reference, since the Level I learners in the Junior Master Gardener program is designed for Grades 3 to 5 children—that’s in out sites for BYDS, but the near term we’ll need to be focused on having some garden fun with our Early Childhood students. We can expand the program down the line, with Elementary / Early Childhood partnerships perhaps—wouldn’t that be awesome!

First up—get some seeds and get our Pre-K teachers set up with trays or egg cartons of little soil pots going for the kids...vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

Anybody out there in BYDS parent land who can bring some of these seeds to school? Just stop in a drop some off! And thanks for looking into this...

Some fun advice for the home front: Go to [www.growums.com](http://www.growums.com) and buy one of those kid garden kits for \$9.99 online – they don’t see these in our region, so getting them online is the only option. That’s out of our price range to get them for our school kids—that’s why we’ll take the rudimentary route to getting our gardens going. But if you want to starts some green education at home, those Growum kits look great!