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Dear 3rd Grade Teacher,

It's time to prepare for another fun and educational gardening season. Please give one Mega Cabbage plant to each student to take home to grow in their own garden. Also, please provide each student with the accompanying Bonnie's 3rd Grade Cabbage Program handout. It includes instructions on how to best grow and care for the cabbage plant, along with direction for entering the contest.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one winner in each state. The state winner is selected with the help of your state Department of Agriculture through a random drawing. Please select one winner from your class. Each student has been asked to provide you with a photo of themselves either holding or positioned near the mature cabbage head. The winner should be selected based on the cabbage head size as well as the overall appearance of the photo. Cabbage weight may be reported to you by the student, however, weight alone should not be the only determining factor in choosing a winner. We also suggest that local newspapers be notified of the class winner.

Once you have selected a class winner, please enter online with the entry form provided at www.bonnieplants.com. If you don't have access to a computer, please complete the form below and mail it, along with the winning photo to Bonnie Plants, 1727 Hwy 223, Union Springs, AL 36089.

Sincerely,
Stan Cope
President, Bonnie Plants

TEACHER: Please fill out the information below, include a photo, and mail to:

Bonnie Plants, 1727 Hwy 223, Union Springs, AL 36089 or email to Bonnie Plants by using form at www.bonnieplants.com

DATE _____ TEACHER'S NAME _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

PRINCIPAL _____ PRINCIPAL EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ SCHOOL EMAIL _____

TOWN & STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTY _____ SCHOOL PHONE # _____

STUDENT WINNER NAME _____

STUDENT STREET ADDRESS _____ STUDENT PHONE # _____

TOWN & STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

DATE CABBAGE PLANTED _____ DATE HARVESTED _____ CABBAGE HEAD WEIGHT _____ lb.

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE _____ PHONE # _____

By submitting photographs for the Cabbage Program, permission is granted to use the photograph(s) in any and all publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing in perpetuity, and for any other use. I will make no monetary or other claim for the use of the photograph(s).

BONNIE'S 3RD GRADE CABBAGE PROGRAM

Dear Students & Parents,
Bonnie Plants wants to share our love of vegetable gardening by giving you a healthy cabbage plant for your garden. When it reaches maturity, take a photo of the cabbage and student together and give it to your teacher. The best cabbage photos result when all the leaves are left on the cabbage head.



Bonnie will award a \$1,000 Scholarship to one student from each state. The winner will be selected through a random drawing of each class winner. Class winners are selected by their teacher. The teacher's selection will be based on the cabbage head size as well as the overall appearance of the photo. For fun, try to weigh the cabbage and report it to your teacher. But note that the cabbage weight alone will not determine the contest winner.

Entry deadline is September 16th.

Children have a natural curiosity about the world. Watching a plant grow can develop into a lasting love of gardening. From seeing thousands of participants each year, kids are always fascinated by a giant cabbage plant that can grow to over 40 pounds!

Cabbages grow big huge leaves! Allow a 4 foot space around each plant.

For best results, plant directly into the garden. Can also be planted in a container filled with all purpose potting soil.

Visit www.bonnieplants.com for planting and care instructions. Just click on 'Cabbage Program' and then on 'Growing Cabbage'.





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CABBAGE FAMILY

Several garden vegetables are called ‘cole crops’. This is a general term used for all the varieties in the mustard family that are actually the same genus and species such as cabbage, collards, broccoli and cauliflower. Bonnie’s cole crops are grown in multiple containers developed to promote strong root growth. When transplanting, lightly loosen the root ball and bury the plant up to the same depth as it was growing in the container.

ONIONS

Bonnie’s onions are offered in bundles of 60 plants, in *4 Packs*, as well as pots with 8-12 plant in each. Onions are best grown in direct sun in raised beds 4” high and 20” wide. Plant them approximately 1” deep with 4” between each plant. Be sure to try the ‘Georgia Sweet’ variety!

TOMATOES

These are America’s favorite vegetable! When planting, about 2/3 of the plant should be buried into the soil. This ensures a strong start and the plant will remain upright. It’s OK to bury some of the leaves. Tomatoes contain lycopene, which promotes good health. Be sure to plant the Bonnie ‘Original’ tomato as well as the grape and cherry varieties.

PEPPER AND EGGPLANT

Plant these after the last frost when the soil is warm. Plant them up to the same depth as it was growing in the container.

CUCUMBER AND SQUASH

Kids love to grow vining veggies! Plant them after the last frost when the soil is warm, usually after you have planted tomatoes and peppers. Be sure to also try Zucchini Squash!

HERBS

Herbs are a family of plants typically used for seasoning, fragrance and certain medicines. Herbs are versatile and easy to grow. The plants in the category have a variety of growing requirements and growth patterns. Some will prefer dry soil and full sun. Others do well in shaded, moist areas. Pineapple Sage, Rosemary and Mint fill the garden with their delightful fragrance. Pineapple Sage, Bee Balm and Lavender provide stunning displays of color.

FLOWERS

No garden is complete without beautiful, colorful flowers. Bonnie’s flowers come in 5” biodegradable peat pots. Look for our Lantana, Portulaca, Sun Coleus, Dragon Wing® Begonia and Vinca.

Bonnie’s 3rd Grade Cabbage Program CHECK OFF CALENDAR

	WATER	WEED	FERTILIZER	BUG CHECK
WEEK 1				
WEEK 2				
WEEK 3				
WEEK 4				
WEEK 5				
WEEK 6				
WEEK 7				
WEEK 8				
WEEK 9				
WEEK 10				