

Megan Zeni's

General school garden guidelines & month by month to do list



October:

Direct instruction

- ✓ Mushroom scavenger hunt- don't eat mushrooms!
- ✓ Decomposer Tag
- ✓ Honorable harvest techniques

Garden tasks

- ✓ Collect leaves and cover all exposed soil with leaves (can be cut with scissors first, or left whole)
- ✓ Collect more leaves when they are dry and store them in paper yard bags to replace lost leaves in winter windstorms
- ✓ Order straw (hollow and dry) or hay (harvested before it goes to seed) pros and cons to both. Leave out for children to play with to avoid adding seeds to your garden beds
- ✓ Prepare gear lending library
- ✓ Meet with your garden committee

Direct seed into the garden

- ✓ garlic cloves
- ✓ broad beans
- ✓ poppies

Pruning & plant care

- ✓ lemon balm hard to the ground
- ✓ after first frost prune asparagus 2" from the ground, cover with mulch
- ✓ remove all sunflower stalks, roots can be left or removed (shake off any soil)

Harvest

- Pumpkins
- Brussel sprouts
- Leeks
- Swiss chard
- Kale
- Spinach
- Herbs
- broccoli

Seed saving:

- ✓ Sunflower seeds
- ✓ Lettuces
- ✓ Kale
- ✓ Pumpkins
- ✓ Flower seeds, like marigolds and zinnias