

Megan Zeni's  
General school garden guidelines &  
month by month to do list



### November

Garden tasks:

- ✓ Map garden, crop rotation and companion planting guide discussions (collect old seed catalogues)
- ✓ Mulch pathways- contact city or district for delivery of free mulch
- ✓ Planting bulbs in the garden
- ✓ Contact Westcoast Seeds for seed donations
- ✓ Add straw or hay to your garden to cover the soil after it has been played with and no seed heads are visible
- ✓ Check gear lending library, clean or repair damaged items
- ✓ Build or add items to your mud kitchen
- ✓ Stock up on your tarps and other rainy day resources
- ✓ Meet with your garden committee
- ✓ Order tomatosphere seeds

Direct seed:

- ✓ Flanders field poppies

### December

Direct instruction:

- ✓ Leave accumulated snow on garden beds, don't swipe it off. Snow is an important insulator for gardens

Garden tasks:

- ✓ Collect surplus scholastic magazines for spring paper pots
- ✓ After frost prune asparagus to 2" from ground, cover with mulch
- ✓ Lay out gloves and tarps and anything wet on sunny days to dry out!
- ✓ Observe effects of seasonal change on your garden!
- ✓ Meet with your garden committee

## January

### Garden tasks:

- ✓ Observe bulbs sprouting
- ✓ Observe seasonal change in trees & shrubs (winter)
- ✓ Prune lavender
- ✓ Prune grapes
- ✓ Cut back gladiola bulbs
- ✓ Pull & dig up weeds/ grass roots beginning to grow
- ✓ Start paper seed pots
- ✓ Start building or renovating your bug hotel and beneficial insect habitats: order mason bee tubes
- ✓ Mulch pathways with available mulch, or rake out compacted mulch
- ✓ Lay out gloves and tarps and anything wet on sunny days to dry out!
- ✓ Meet with your garden committee

## February

### Direct instruction:

- ✓ Protect early pollen sources (teach kids not to pull flowers off dandelions)
- ✓ Step gently- teach to watch for early bulbs like snowdrops

### Garden tasks:

- ✓ Check fertilizer levels, order more
- ✓ Order seed starting soil
- ✓ Order seeds, tools and supplies for the growing season (grow lights, heat mats etc.)
- ✓ Prepare trellis systems for peas and beans
- ✓ Lay out gloves and tarps and anything wet on sunny days to dry out!
- ✓ Meet with your garden committee

### Seeds to start indoors (only if you will take them home for spring break):

- Leeks
- Onions
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Shallots
- Peas

### Direct seed into the garden

- ✓ Broad beans
- ✓ Snow peas
- ✓ poppies