

**Megan Zeni’s**

**General school garden guidelines**

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 **month by month to do list**

**March**

Direct instruction:

* + Protect important early bloomers for bees: dandelions, kale gone to seed “vernalization”
	+ Weeding is a pattering activity- use string lines over new seed plantings to help identify new seedlings so they don’t get weeded!
	+ Split any perennials that will be used in a plant sale (rhubarb, oregano, chives, perennial flowers)
	+ Watch for pest life cycles in your soil and interrupt
	+ Honorable harvest techniques

Garden tasks:

* + Prep paper seed pots, fill with seed starting soil, plant seeds after spring break
	+ Rebuild bug hotel
	+ Clean up any winter damage, repair garden beds
	+ Conduct a soil audit if you have old soil: sift and amend soil, count worms and other life in the soil
	+ Amend soil, add compost and organic material to the soil
	+ Clean shed and organize for the growing season
	+ Lay out gloves and tarps and anything wet on sunny days to dry out!
	+ Meet with your garden committee

Seeds to start indoors (a small example):

* + Tomatoes
	+ Broccoli
	+ Peppers
	+ Ground cherries
	+ Peppers
	+ Cucamelons
	+ Lettuces
	+ Pac Choi
	+ Basil



Direct seed in garden (a small example):

* + Radishes
	+ Spinach
	+ Snow peas
	+ Broad beans

