

**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

Diagram

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