



THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN

*Classroom Garden
Newsletter*

October 2018

In the Garden

Fall is coming! It's a wonderful time to start planning your classroom garden! Enjoy, explore and create a fun space to encourage outdoor, hands-on learning!

Journal Topics

Take your students to the garden with their journals and encourage them to write on one of the following topics

- ~ Write a fall garden poem
- ~ If you were a flower what would you be? Draw and explain
- ~ Create a list of your favorite veggies with drawings

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Lessons

- ~ **Planting in the Garden**- working in teams, students can begin to plan their garden in preparation for planting vegetables once the soil is ready. Students can assist with soil preparation.
- ~ **Introduction to Watering the Garden**- Students can learn that plants need water just like people and animals need water.
- ~ **Seed Starting**- Students can learn how to start seeds
- ~ **Searching the Garden Safely**- As a class, students can create "garden tips" that will teach and reinforce appropriate garden behavior.

Farm to School Books of the Month

*** Found in our little garden library ***

Jack's Garden
The Giant Cabbage
The Tiny Seed
The Garden Book

Activities

- ~ **Read**: Choose a Book of the Month and read to your students in the garden and discuss
- ~ **Exploration**: Create a garden scavenger hunt, having students search for colors, shapes, types of plants, insects or just something beautiful!
- ~ **Math**: Have the students calculate the area and perimeter of the garden. What could be planted given a particular spacing?
- ~ **Art**: Create your classroom garden sign
- ~ **Taste**: Taste and compare different varieties of apples