

Cultivating Curiosity

McKinley year round school garden calendar

	<i>FALL</i>	<i>WINTER</i>	<i>SPRING</i>
<i>Garden Maintenance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold fall meeting, determine committee roles (Committee coordinator, garden coordinator, parent-teacher liaisons, fundraiser, event planner, etc.) ▪ Set year long meeting dates & goals ▪ Harvest with students ▪ Turn over Beds and plant for fall ▪ Remove most of the Calendula ▪ Set up Cold Frames ▪ Plan Cover Crops ▪ Sheet mulch one or two beds ▪ Plant Garlic and Onion ▪ Plant Bulbs ▪ Prune back Herb bed ▪ Pull Mint ▪ Cut back Dahlias (leave a few inches and cover with leafy mulch compost) ▪ Plan for winter pruning of orchard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan year maintenance projects ▪ Dig in the garden ▪ Take bi-weekly temperature soil and air ▪ Start seeds indoors ▪ Start planning for Spring plantings ▪ Restraining square foot gardening bed ▪ Weed bed extensively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan fall programming (after school, in school, events, etc.) ▪ Coordinate outreach for parent volunteers ▪ Check Irrigation ▪ Prune and clean out herb bed ▪ Weed and mulch orchard ▪ Plant peas ▪ Plant potatoes on St. Patrick's Day ▪ Plant Greens, Salad Mix, Radishes, Turnips, Brassicas ▪ Weed Strawberry Beds, ▪ Plant Beans and other summer/fall crops ▪ Watch Rain levels, develop summer irrigation and harvest plan ▪ Observe bulbs as they grow and fade
<i>Classroom Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit Garden ▪ Observe Plants under, on or above ground ▪ Plant parts ▪ Johnny Appleseed ▪ Root Crops ▪ Cover Crops ▪ Harvesting Seeds ▪ Storing Food ▪ Squash Math ▪ Edible Flowers and Flower Dissection ▪ Potatoes-Harvest and History ▪ Trees that traveled along the Oregon Trail ▪ Corn-Harvest, History Ect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit Garden-Observe ▪ Living and non-living items in the garden ▪ Soil exploration ▪ Natural vs. built environment on school campus ▪ Ecosystem studies ▪ Photosynthesis ▪ Solar Energy ▪ Tracking Weather-impact on garden ▪ Create a book about specific fruit or vegetable ▪ Get to know a local farmer ▪ Measuring/Mapping a garden to plan for spring ▪ Designing Spring Garden ▪ Companion Plants ▪ Finding Local in your lunch ▪ Gathering opinions about cafeteria food ▪ Advertising and helping with Harvest of the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plant seeds from starts ▪ Insects in the garden ▪ Pollination ▪ Bees ▪ Leaves, edible parts of plants ▪ Community or neighborhood gardens ▪ Seeds, what do they need ▪ Planting the garden ▪ Visiting the Farmers Market ▪ Market Day-have students play role of farmers ▪ Soil and Compost

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<i>Annual Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fall Harvest Fun Run Farm 2 School Dinner Event ▪ Friday Afternoons in the Garden (Yearly schedule, Teachers send a few kids a week, k-2, 3-5 next week, max. 10 kids) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Farmer Assembly, Get to know your farmer ▪ Friday Afternoons in the Garden (Yearly schedule, Teachers send a few kids a week, k-2, 3-5 next week, max. 10 kids) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End of the Year Garden Party ▪ Afterschool Program (2, 4 week sessions starting in April) ▪ Friday Afternoons in the Garden (Yearly schedule, Teachers send a few kids a week, k-2, 3-5 next week, max. 10 kids)