

Last week we had a surprise gift of some extra pumpkins that allowed us to have another session of smashing pumpkins. We also started our onions lesson set although we had started planting onions the week before. We still have some onions left to plant this Thursday and that will conclude onion planting this season. With 8 – 10 beds of onions being planted, we should have many onions to send home when they are ready for harvesting. Do you recall from the lesson when harvesting should be expected?

The next big planting crop will be white potatoes. We normally plant white potatoes in the orchard along the fence separating the soccer field from the orchard. We also plant potatoes in the annex along the back wall and wherever we can find an open bed. When do you think we should be thinking of planting white potatoes? Do you know where to find that information

January and February are the months we also take time to prune our citrus trees and bushes, figs, and grape vines.

The last couple of weeks we have been harvesting oranges, lemons, and kumquats along with a lot of cool weather vegetable crops such as carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, and lettuce. By the end of this week we may have completed the harvest of our citrus for this year. Can anyone tell me how many pounds of oranges and lemons we have harvested? See if you can figure it out!

Besides the onions, and white potatoes, we have another fun event called Arbor Day which we will celebrate on the 18th of February. This is a class or team activity. We will need diggers, waterers, tree transporters, and mulchers to help us complete this activity. Each of these categories will have 5th grade class members from each of the 5th grade class rooms making up each of the teams. We (each team) will meet outside and work together to complete our part of Arbor Day. By the end of the day, this years' 5th grade will have donated a tree to the school as a remembrance and thank you to the school and community. And when you are seniors you are invited back to open the time capsule that you will bury at the time of planting the tree, so be thinking of what you should be putting in the time capsule! You will be amazed at the remembrances you will have thought important when you planted your tree. Since your school is Oak Forest Elementary School, what kind of tree do you think we should donate to the school???