

OFE Growers Newsletter for September 8, 2022

This week we completed the Orientation of the school's gardens and what goes on in the 5th grade Math and Science gardening program. In the coming weeks we will be working in the gardens and completing lessons on Composting including making 'compost tea' followed by the planting of seeds and transplants. It is important that we come prepared to work in the gardens which means no open toed shoes and wear clothes that are okay to get a bit soiled.

Since we are just beginning to garden we probably won't have a lot of produce to harvest but there will be some. The produce harvested is to be sent home with the gardeners for that day. If you don't want what has been harvested please offer it to others in your class or give it to your teacher as we don't want to waste the food. If you don't know what to do with it you might go to your website and see some recipes (<https://www.ofegrowers.org/garden-produce--uses.html>).

Remember there are many interesting things to investigate on the website such as the pictures of the day's activities (<https://www.ofegrowers.org/5th-grade-program.htm>) or how the gardens began (<https://www.ofegrowers.org/our-story.html>) . If you wish to find out about some of the veggies that were grown during the summer you can go to the produce section to see the canned produce that we offer until it's gone (<https://www.ofegrowers.org/inventory--order-form.html>).

Does anyone remember the name of the tool that "smiles" at you? Or how much compost you will be making? Or what kind of potato is growing in the Orchard and Annex areas? Finally can you fill in this statement ' _____ is NO Accident' ?

It has been fun getting to know you all and we are looking forward to having fun learning and working together in the gardens!

See you Thursday!