

From the Giving Garden

Connecting Us to Each Other one Tomato at a Time



Connecting us All

Ever wonder what the Giving Garden is all about?

The Giving Garden is an outdoor classroom available to all teachers to use. Though Primary School students use it most frequently, please know that this space and its fruit and flowers are there for you. Some items are reserved for classes or used by faculty. If you are interested in using the produce in the Giving Garden (or growing something with your students) please contact Chris Henke Mueller at chenkemueller@prairieschool.com.

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EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD

The Primary School uses produce from the Giving Garden for Science classes.

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LUNCHES

Our chefs use produce in our lunches! Look for acorn squash on the menu.

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RCFB

During the summer, produce is donated to the Racine County Food Bank.



Sunflowers and Fibonacci

We have some beautiful sunflowers that will hopefully dry nicely. If you think you might want them to use in your classroom, just ask!

The Great Pumpkin

Pumpkins will be finding their way out of the Giving Garden and into the school. The largest of the berry, the pumpkin is a great source of vitamins A, C, E and B5....and SEEDS!



The Compost

It's back!!!

Composting is an incredible science! The Giving Garden's compost bins are available for everyone in the school to use, but there are some guidelines.

- Please place only fruits and vegetables in the compost. Our compost is not able to decompose meat or dairy products.
- Do not....please!....put plastic, wrappers, or other garbage items in the compost. A few years ago, The Prairie School moved away from plastic and started using paper straws. It has been many years since we used plastic straws, but they still can be found in the compost bin every time the soil is turned.



“The ground’s generosity takes in our compost and grows beauty! Try to be more like the ground” ~ Rumi

The compost always has had its ups and downs. Earlier this month, this is what our compost bins looked like. Not really working at all.

But, as you see above, the compost is cleaned up and back in action. There is a lot of math, science, art, social studies, and literature that could take place in and around these bins. If you are looking for a place to “ground” your students, let me know and I’ll be happy to help.



Sometimes compost bins need a little love!

THE GREENHOUSE AND HOOP HOUSES

As winter approaches (ugh!), think about how you might want to use either the Greenhouse or possible hoop houses with your students. Even the Giving Garden will be a beautiful space in the dead of winter. If you are interested in using these spaces, please let Chris Henke Mueller know. Coordination is the key to success!

