



Suggested Garden Planting/Harvest Timeline

September

Recruit parents to teach garden lessons
Allocate garden boxes to each classroom
Schedule lessons with teachers to teach Fall lessons
Obtain necessary tools, seeds, soil and garden boxes for Fall Plantings
Test watering system for garden

October

Plant Fall Gardens - Pre-K – 5th grade

- Pre-K/Kindergarten Fall Lesson – Tops and Bottoms Salad Garden
- 1st Grade Fall lesson - Plant Part Salad
- 2nd Grade Fall lesson - Vegetable Cousins Salad Garden
- 3rd Grade Fall lesson - Endangered Species Salad Garden
- 4th Grade Fall lesson – California Agriculture Salad Garden
- 5th Grade Fall lesson – Mars Colony Test Garden

October-January

Water and weed your garden weekly to keep the crops growing during the growing season. Schools may form garden and environmental clubs to help maintain the gardens. Involve teachers to keep the garden growing sustainably- have teachers make use of the garden by reading stories, creating garden art or performing science projects.

January

Discuss potential Farmer's Markets and Salad Harvest Party ideas
Coordinate Salad Harvest Party and/or Farmer's Market with teachers
Schedule harvest times with teachers

February

Harvest fall garden plantings Pre-K – 5th grade
Prepare soil in garden beds for spring planting

March

Plant Spring Gardens grades Pre-K – 5th

- Pre-K/ Kindergarten – Sunflower House
- 1st grade – Pumpkins and Sunflowers
- 2nd grade – Pollinator Flower Garden
- 3RD grade – Three Sisters Garden
- 4th grade – California Rancho Kitchen Garden
- 5th grade – Colonial Kitchen Garden

May/June

Schedule a light harvest or end of year garden party for students to see garden results before summer break