



Woodview Sprouts is growing! Here is a little update on what has been happening in the garden:

Work Day

- We are having a **Garden Work Day** on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00-1:00. **Come join us!**
- In addition to various garden tasks that day, we will be laying our foundation for the shed (weather permitting). Come with your tools and kids; no experience necessary!

Grade-Level Plans

- Kindergarten - They will be planting sunflowers in May for school and to bring home and will keep track in a garden journal through the summer. In the fall as first graders, they will study what grew.
- First Grade - As a part of their butterfly unit, students will be planting parsley, which attracts the parsleyworm. This worm turns into the Black Swallowtail Butterfly. They will also be taking care of some of the other herbs.
- Second Grade - On Earth Day, second-graders will be "Planting a Salad", including a couple of varieties of lettuce, kale, and spinach. This ties into their unit on Living Things.
- Third Grade - As they study various ecosystems, students will compare those ecosystems around the world with the ones right here in Illinois. They will have a chance to work with the native plants going into the outdoor classroom.
- Fourth Grade - To help out second grade, students will calculate the perimeter and area of our raised beds and using the specifications for the salad plants, identify how many plants can go in the beds. Their study on Illinois will also introduce them to our state's native plants and how they help the environment. This will take them to the outdoor classroom to plant natives right outside our school.

Garden Club

- 81 students are signed up for two sessions of the Garden Club. We are excited to dig in!
- Each session of the club will plant one raised bed with radishes, beans, and spinach as well as trellis nasturtiums.

Garden Shed

- A huge thank you to Gerry O'Sullivan, Darren Spicer, and Adam Della-Peruta for taking on the task of planning and building our shed. Others are welcome!
- Our shed will contain some repurposed materials, including wood and a stained-glass window, from a house that was on Slusser.
- We would like to side the shed with repurposed wood, whether it be from an old barn or cedar shake shingles. If you know of anyone taking down an old structure or have a good contact for this material (at a good price), please email woodviewpto@gmail.com

Where Will The Harvest Go?

- Not only will we sell some of the harvest as we did with the herbs last fall, but students will get to make some great food with what is grown in our garden!
- Families can also sign up to make donations to the Avon Community Food Pantry.