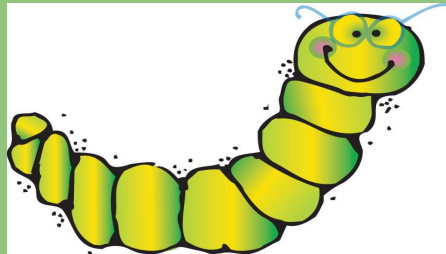




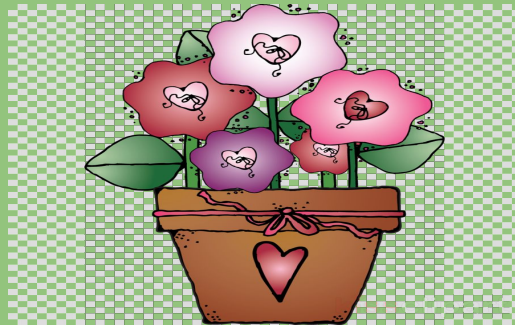
School Garden Update

February 2, 2022



Mountain Avenue School Garden

1. Our garden has always been a part of our primary grades.
2. This school year for the first time - all grades were invited to garden with their students with the support of PTA and other school community partners.
3. We've had : 1 fourth grade class, 3 second grade and 2 first grade classes gardening this fall.
4. Over the summer we began to get the garden ready and with the help of Mr. Goglia - a Mountain Avenue Dad. He built a new bench(with bear imprints) and a welcome arch. They have been wonderful additions to our garden this year!



Welcome Arch

New arch is a great addition, thanks to Mr. Goglia!

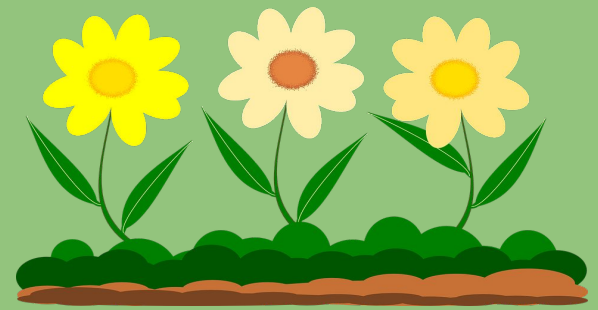
Before



Today



New bench...



It's been used for sitting, listening to our teachers, writing in our journals, and last month we were able to observe worms on this new bench.



Compost Bin

It will help us have healthier soil all year round.



Gardeners at work



Our Vegetables

1st Grade (Mrs. Frakes and MS. Chavez-Stedman)



CARROTS

Our Vegetables

2nd Grade (Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Gunnoe and Mrs. Aldaco's classes)

4th Grade (Mrs. Bell-Bottomley's class)



BUTTERHEAD LETTUCE



BEETS



SNOW PEAS

Flowerbed



A safe place for all students!

Our CDCC students have begun a flowerbed area for students that have gardening sensitivities.



Only flowers (daffodils and wild flowers) will be grown here.

Garden highlights

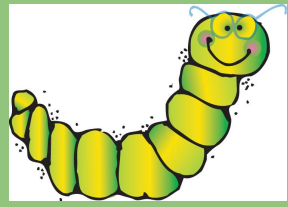
A past Mountain Avenue alumni (Sean Russell) also wanted to be a part of our garden beautification and donated succulent plants to our school campus.



Succulent plants were planted in the front patio beds and a tree in the Kinder yard.



Garden highlights

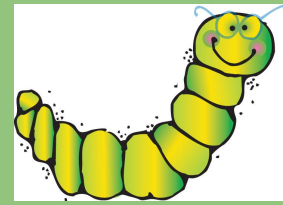


School Garden Mentor : Janet Sedhom

She's been on campus to help us begin our compost bin and is in consistent communication with teachers on best gardening practices. She recently came to teach our gardening classes about the important job worms play in our soil.



Garden highlights



Classes have adopted school areas to keep up and maintain

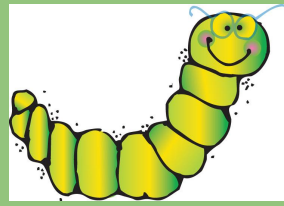
RAMP



KINDER RAISED BEDS



Garden highlights



We now have two bird feeders hanging near our ramp area and different classes are helping to refill them.



We're beginning to make more garden rock creations to distribute around our school.



Next steps...

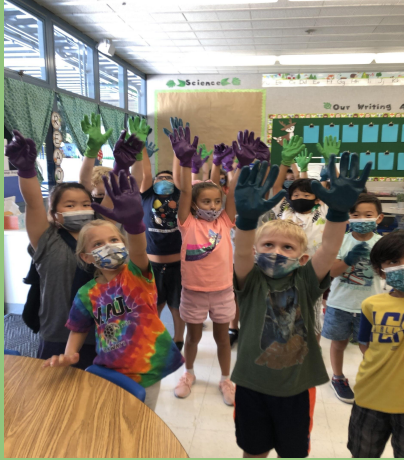
This Spring we have a fourth grade class, third grade, and our TK students joining the learning at the garden.



Looking into upgrading our current raised beds to include top enclosures.



Thank you for your Support!



We love our School garden!