

Our Veggie Garden

Jessica and the Sustainability Squad - Year 5 and 6 2016

Introduction

At the beginning of October this year, we began planting different herb and vegetables life into our gardens. We created 8 planter boxes earlier this year to increase the sustainability of our school. Miss McGuire and Miss D chose some different plants and herbs that they thought would great to trial in our gardens and ordered them in. They chose a variety of herbs and vegetables life like oregano, cabbage, tomato, spinach, and so on. They also added lavender, rosemary, straw and newspaper to our gardens to keep our plants healthy. After the plants were sent to school, the Sustainability Squad planted them into our wooden planter boxes and continued to water them. We are currently waiting for our little veggies to grow!

Why did we add lavender and rosemary to our gardens?

Lavender and rosemary are members of the mint family, Lamiaceae. Because they are from the mint family, they both possess a very strong scent that can repel nasty bugs from eating our vegetables and crops. They also attract bees, which allow them to collect nectar from the lavender and increases pollination.



Why did we add straw to our gardens?

Straw is like the inexpensive gold of the garden. A thick blanket of straw will always keep the moisture in the soil so that plants can grow much more efficiently without drying out. We can water our gardens less frequently because of this.



Why did we add newspaper to our gardens?

Newspaper plays a very important role in our veggie garden. Spreading newspaper over the soil will prevent weeds from growing around our crops. It will save our vegetables from being invaded and save a lot of time that should be used for pulling out weeds



