

Foundation for Public Schools in Edgefield County Teacher's Vision Grant-2018-2019 Follow Up

Project Title: New First Graders, New Garden

Grade Level and Subject: First Grade- Science, ELA, Math, Art

Projected Number of Students Affected: 80

Thank you so much for continuing your gracious support of WE Parker's First Grade garden. We were able to show students the process of plant growing from seed to plant. I started miniature pumpkins from seeds during the summer last year because the process to get fruit is 120 days and my goal was to have mini pumpkins for the kids to see by Thanksgiving break. Attached you will see an example of one of these pumpkins. We had to work through some issues and hope for a more successful crop next year. We then cleaned up the garden from the pumpkins and started our vegetables. We started with peppers, squash, and tomatoes. Our plants were very healthy. However, the peppers and squash were overrun by the tomatoes. As a result, this year we will lessen the number of tomatoes planted. The children could see the garden as they went to the bus and really enjoyed searching for the flowers, then the tomatoes. Each class took time to visit our garden and keep it weeded. The students wrote about things they would plant and sequence writings about plants. Also, as we began our garden for the spring last year, the students were able to plant their own seed in a CD cover and in a cup. As a result, the students could see what their seed was doing inside their cup. It really brings the process of seed to seedling to life. The students took home both CD and cup to have plants at home.

