

THE HTS GARDEN NEWSLETTER!

Third and Fourth Grade Garden Club

In the third and fourth grade garden, there are buds coming up everywhere. Our weathered birdhouses are home to several sparrow families again this year. Many people have commented on how beautiful our daffodils are. We have many varieties and colors.

Our herbs are growing well. We have chives, lemon balm, and varieties of mint.

We can also see sprouts from the seeds we planted in the cold frame.

-- Christina



Mrs. McGinn tells us that the rhubarb in the garden comes from a plant from her childhood home in Vermont. We ate a rhubarb crisp on May Day made from our garden rhubarb.

The Front Garden

At Holy Trinity School, we have a front garden. It is grades 3 and 4's job to take care of it. We take care of it by planting bulbs, checking it to make sure it's healthy and well grown. Recently the flowers that have bloomed are crocuses, tulips, and daffodils.

-- Coleman

Garden Club

With the money we have raised and been given, we have decided to buy some of the things that we need for the garden. Here are some of the things we are going to need:

- gardening gloves
- sprinkler
- rain gauge
- garden shed
- thermometer

We also have to do many things to keep the garden looking good and making it healthy for growing.

- rake out leaves
- rebuild teepee
- pick up trash
- clean up dog waste

--Ravin

The Cold Frame

Mr. Chmielewski was very thoughtful and made a cold frame for the H.T.S. garden so we can have a head start on gardening. He also rototilled the garden. His wife, Mrs. Chmielewski, was a former teacher at H.T.S. And their grandchildren attend school at H.T.S.

Mr. Chmielewski also gave some garden tips on how to plant seeds, how to use the cold frame, and what seeds to plant. He said, "Plant the seeds North to South, plant in the cold frame. Put in swiss chard, lettuce, beets, marigolds, kohlrabi (above-ground turnip)" and "After the plants sprout, shut the cover at night and if it's a hot sunny day to take the cover or else the plants will burn."

Mr. Chmielewski will build the H.T.S. garden a better cold frame next year. He also wishes H.T.S. a good harvest!

-- Tom

*Flowers are not quite earthly.
They are like the Saints.*

-- Emily Dickinson

Why is the garden important? A parent's perspective

The garden program is important for a couple different reasons. First, it gives students an opportunity to work together on a project that isn't a traditional classroom exercise. This is a program not available in many schools! The garden also gives students a great chance to learn about the growing season and the harvest, from early spring to late fall. Finally, the garden gives parents a great opportunity to share with others in the community. It is a program that makes our school special. People who aren't familiar with HTS are really excited to hear about the garden program! And, I almost forgot! It gives us a great chance to weed with our kids over the summer in case they don't have anything to do!!!

Martha Maloney interviewed by Aengus