



# MU CHILDREN'S LEARNING GARDEN

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## It's a new season and excitement is blooming!

*What's new?* Updates to our learning garden plan for this summer are plentiful and we are excited to share these updates with you! Some of the highlights include:

- **Potted Trees:** To incorporate more new vegetation we are introducing a few potted trees. Watch for apple, fig, and lemon trees soon (*provided by our partners and supporters in the Agroforestry Department*).
- **Music & Art:** The east fence line will be home to a variety of artistic outlets including chalk boards and musical instruments.
- **Little Garden:** In the works is a plan to revitalize the "Little Garden" to be a welcoming place that will accommodate even our youngest CDL children!
- **Perennial Garden:** A new, additional perennial garden will be host to blackberry, currant, and blueberry bushes flanked by pea plant tunnels.
- **Reading Garden:** To further support literacy, a designated learning space with shade and seating is going where the strawberries were last year.
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Garden:** A large bed will be designed to invite our young learners to measure, hypothesize, investigate, and solve problems.
- **Classroom Plots:** Each classroom will have a designated space to design, plant, and harvest. Signs will be installed in May with each classrooms' garden plot name and description.

## This month in the garden....

- **YOU'RE INVITED!** Please join us Saturday, April 23rd for the Playground and Garden Work Day!
- Our USDA partner, Jim Elder, has already hosted the classrooms for planting with more opportunities to come!
- Look for our new Garden Adventures whiteboards in the classrooms for daily updates.

## I spy in the garden!

