New Adventures in the Garden

The children and teachers of the CDL have been excited to participate in a new garden curriculum as part of a pilot program. Ms. Sara is our new teacher in the garden and the children are getting new experiences during their weekly visits to the space, in addition to the great activities they've always done. The preschoolers are working in small groups and rotating between teachers and different stations that all reinforce the week's goals and objectives.

- **Yellow Door** has continued to explore the garden during their 5 Senses unit. Their favorite so far is touching all the things in the garden. Tasting has been limited since a bunny visitor is eating most of our new sprouts!
- **Blue Door** has really been enjoying discovering what things they can taste in the garden. Tomatoes, ground cherries (a sweet, small, tomatillo-like fruit), and raspberries are a few of their favorites.
- **Red Door** picked red noodle beans and investigated them further inside their math/science area. Children measured, did seriation of smallest to largest, counted the beans (seeds) inside, and predicted what the inside seeds would look like based on the outside appearance.
- **Green Door** has had fun exploring measurement and comparison using a variety of different colored peppers harvested!

Sharing with our Neighbors: CDL Donation Update

Current season total of donated garden produce:

50 lbs.

Visits with Mr. Jim in The People's Garden

The CDL is super excited that Mr. Jim will be joining our classes during their weekly visits again. Mr. Jim, from the USDA, was involved in a neat corn experiment most of the summer, so we are really excited to welcome him back! Mr. Jim will continue his volunteer work with the children talking about growing food, pointing out interesting creatures, and connecting it all to math, literacy, and science.
Warm Summer Days in the Garden

Snapshots of CDL children enjoying the garden. Check us out enjoying gross and fine motor activities in the garden, using magnifying glasses in the classroom with garden treasures, digging in the dirt, and finding hiding places in our garden space.