

The Little Urban Homestead

Quarter 4: Gardening

Classes & Descriptions:

March 7th: Plants Needs. Before we can begin to plant and design our gardens, we must know what plants need to grow and thrive. Once we understand their needs, it is time to design and create our own veggie paradise.

March 14th: Extending the season with mini greenhouses. This week we will learn all about the extremely hardy vegetables that can grow even when the temperatures are as low as 5 degrees at night. Some of these extremely hardy veggies will include: leeks, Swiss chard, spinach, green onions, and parsley. After we learn all about these veggie superstars, we will sow a super hardy veggie in the mini outdoor greenhouses we will build in class.

March 28th: Stretching for sunlight... This is the first set of veggies we will start that will grow outside (once germinated) without covers. These veggies are also considered hardy and will soak up the amazing sunlight during the day and be brought back inside only on very cool nights. The veggies that we will learn about this week include: peas, lettuce, cilantro, kale, turnips, beets, mustards, and radish.

April 4th: The soil ecosystem. Did you know that soil has its own circle of life. This week we will take a closer look at what makes soil so special and the fascinating creatures that call it home.

April 11th: Plant Botany. Even though all plants are unique and have special attributes that make them special and different, they all are made up of the same parts. This week in class we will learn all about the different parts and functions of plants as well as perform a few “plantastic” botany experiments.

April 18th: Pollinator power. Why are pollinators so important? Join us this week to learn all about the amazing small insects that are truly the heroes of the garden and keep millions of plant species alive today.

April 25th: Time to start warm season crops. Now that the days are getting warmer and longer, we are ready to start warm season crops. Yay! This week, we will learn all about growing pumpkin, summer squash, cucumber, corn, and beans.

May 2nd: Field Trip (*5 min away from True North flagship Littleton location*). Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a tour of the indoor greenhouse and outdoor gardens as well as sample some of the early growing veggies at the Peterson Urban Farm.