

1. FARMER'S MARKET

Objective: children learn about farmers markets, about what to do after "harvest" to prepare for new growing season

1. Circle time. Ask students if they have been to a farmers market or know what one is?

Read to students in the circle the book Farmers_Market/Día de mercado by Carmen Parks. It is a simple, quick read and bilingual.

Talk about cleaning out the garden and choosing what to plant next. Explain voting chart.

2. Divide the class into 2 groups. One group will "shop" at the farmers market and then vote on what to plant next. The other group will take old vegetable waste from the garden and take it to the compost. Then they'll switch activities. How about this time each adult remain with their groups (so that each adult does both activities with one group) - seems like we can time things better that way. I think we discussed this once but can't remember.

2.a Farmers Market

Children will line up and visit a table that has all the harvested vegetables already cut and ready to be bagged. I'll have the chard, spinach, celery, broccoli, and some peas ready. After they get a bag, they will need to add a tag with their name and put it in a box. Then they can go to a posterboard chart and "vote" for the plants they want to grow next.

2.b Cleaning out the garden

Children will sit on the rock wall. There will be vegetable waste to pick up (from the chard, broccoli, celery, spinach) in the garden. Children can go one at a time to pick up a small handful and put it in a bucket. **Please make sure they don't stand on the carrots! :-)** After everyone has a bucket handful, they will take their buckets to the compost section #2 where green waste goes. Make sure they bury it/cover it with dried leaves.

** switch activities** (adult travels with same group to do new activity)

Note: the kids aren't picking the items themselves. But the last time they did that, it was kind of crazy, so I decided to do it in a more controlled manner through the idea of a farmer market stand.

The bags of veggies I collected in a box, and brought it to after-school pick up for the teacher to distribute to the kids to take home.