

# Garden

# June 2026

## In the Garden

*We thank all who supported us with purchases & donations during our annual May plant sale! We hope all of the plants that went home thrive and bring enjoyment & conversation to your households. We are still finishing our summer planting here this month, weeding & amending beds, transplanting starts, and we will plant beans (pole & bush) from seeds we saved from last year's harvest. In the meantime, we are still enjoying peas, lettuce & a bit of kale, as well as borage flowers from the gardens. We are getting tasty strawberries from a couple of the beds and might get to sample our first New Zealand spinach of the year this month. We'll also harvest garlic, leek & onion. As the weather heats up so does the garden classroom, so the Twos, Preschool & Pre-K classes will be having class on the Annex porch from June through August. Finally, our new chickens arrived during our May in-service day; many thanks to Holly & Kash for taking care of them for us during their first eight weeks of life!*



*Our young hens: Walter (left), Cinnamon (center background), Shirley (center foreground) & Bertha (right)*

## June 2-5 – Garden Projects

*More work parties this week as we continue to work on & fill our garden beds. Preschool & Pre-K will be harvesting strawberry leaves for tea, as well as weeding, watering & tilling garden beds. The twos classes will have a tour of the gardens, a visit to the chickens, and we'll sing a couple of songs. We'll also sample some veggies from the garden, and we'll try to get some bean seeds in the ground.*

## June 10-12 – Strawberries (no garden class June 9th)

### Activities

- Read (English & Spanish) The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR
- Strawberry tasting
- Drink strawberry leaf tea
- Investigate strawberries with magnifying glasses

### Vocabulary

- Strawberry
- Mouse
- Bear
- Leaf
- Tea
- Fruit
- Seed

### Objectives

- Taste strawberries & strawberry leaf tea
- State why strawberries & their leaves are healthy food
- Identify where strawberry seeds are on the fruit

## June 16-19 – Habitats, introduction

### Activities

- Read A House Is a House
- Discuss habitats as places where people, animals & plants live
- Discuss different animal habitats and observe photos

### Vocabulary

- House
- Shelter
- Habitat
- Needs

### Objectives

- Acknowledge that a dwelling can come in many various forms
- State differences in “houses” for various people & other beings
- Identify various animal habitats

## June 16-19 — Habitats, part II

### Activities

- Songs with banjo guitar & percussion
- Review the concept of habitat
- Build structures with blocks, sticks, sheets, cloth & various objects

### Vocabulary

- House
- Shelter
- Habitat
- Needs

### Objectives

- Identify different ecosystems as habitats
- Give examples of habitats within habitats
- Build structures individually or cooperatively

