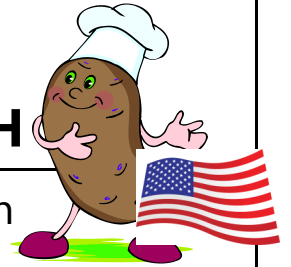


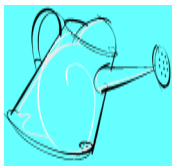
“Digging in the Dirt” Garden Project:

RED, WHITE, & BLUE

POTATO PATCH



1	Our potatoes have arrived & need time to warm up in your classroom.
2	Next week , we will be planting our RED, WHITE, and BLUE potatoes. (6/16, 6/17, 6/18 - your choice) A half hour of time is needed.
3	Pickup the gardening tools in the John’s Office. (garden gloves, hand cultivators and hand trowels in 3 plastic buckets)
4	Take your class outside to your assigned classroom garden box & have each student dig a 2 inch hole for each potato seed.
5	Place your potato seed with the “eyes” up in the hole. Each seed will be about 6 inches apart from the next seed. Cover with 2 inches of soil. Each bed should hold 4 rows, 10 inches apart and 8 feet long.
6	Return tool buckets to John’s Office for the next classroom to use. Please provide time for hand hygiene after garden classroom use. (We have 36 pairs of garden gloves to share)
7	As needed, straw will be available to mulch your emerging potato plants. Spread the straw around the base of the potato plants 4-6 inches deep. (about 2 handfuls). Leave the potato leaves exposed if present.
8	Our potatoes will mature over the summer (90-110 days). In late September we hope to harvest our potatoes for: “THE GREAT POTATO DIG !”



Watering Schedule (as needed)

Monday 2Y

Tuesday 2K

Wednesday 3Con

Thursday 3Car

Friday 1G

Skip Kindergarten Beds—They wish to care for their classroom beds