AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

Planting Herbs - Life Cycle

The cilantro and dill we planted in the spring sprouted, flowered and then went to seed. Once these plants dried out, we collected the seeds and replanted them. Everyone enjoyed planting harvested seeds and learning about the life cycle of plants in the process.

Running Brook Camp - Compost Critters

Bug exploration is a Lemberg favorite and we were excited to share our enthusiasm with the Running Brook buddies. Together with our buddies, we learned about decomposers, who they are and what they do. We cut up plants for the compost pile. Then we explored the worm house, before turning logs over to search for even more critters. We found worms, centipedes, millipedes, spiders, slugs and so much more.

Running Brook Buddies - Spring Rolls

As an opening to our last day with Running Brook’s teen leadership group, they shared one of their favorite games with us: Banana Tag!

As a final celebration with our buddies, we made spring rolls. We filled them with fresh vegetables and herbs from the garden and then dipped them into different tasty soy sauces. We are thankful for our partnership with our Running Brook Camp. The cross-age collaboration is meaningful for all.
SCHOOL-AGE VISITORS’ PROJECTS

Zucchini Brownies

We enjoyed harvesting a zucchini from the garden to make healthy zucchini brownies for the Navigators and Voyagers to enjoy. We took turns measuring the different ingredients and stirring the batter. It was fun to bake together and taste a different way to eat zucchini.

Weighing and Recording Our Harvest

We keep track of how much food the garden produces, so we try to weigh everything before eating it.

So far this year (mostly in August) our biggest crops are: Cucumber - 39 lbs; Zucchini - 29 lbs; Melons - 12 lbs; Yellow squash - 11 lbs; Peaches - 8 lbs; Grapes - 6 lbs; Kale - 5 lbs; Basil - 5 lbs; and Mouse Melons - 5 lbs (that’s a lot of tiny mouse melons!) And there’s lots more to come.

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We’re looking forward to having our older kids who know the garden so well show the younger kids around. There are so many great discoveries we’ll have together before winter!