Dear Families,

Today we started discussing our garden project for the year, by asking the question: “Can we grow our favorite vegetable in the North Garden?” The kids brainstormed all the vegetables they could think of, and then they each chose 1 favorite. We’ve graphed these in the classroom, but wanted to survey you as well. If you would please fill out the two attached cards with your family’s choice of their favorite vegetables (one per card) and return them tomorrow, we would really appreciate it! (please print plainly so the kids can at least read and identify by the first letter—we’re not ready for cursive!)

Thanks, and we’ll let you know the results of the survey soon. Once we’ve made our decision, we’re going to do some research to see what we might plant now as a fall crop, what we can plant as a winter crop (which we’ll grow with a cover that will work as a mini-greenhouse) and what we’ll grow next spring. The great part is that we want to involve you as well! We’ll need help throughout the school year and especially next summer once school is out in June. Our class will be responsible for the summer upkeep of our garden bed, which also means harvesting and taking home the vegetables, so your vote and future help are important! I’ll be contacting you throughout the school year as “jobs” become available.

The kids and I are very excited about this yearlong project, and hope you will be as well. Return those survey cards, and we’re ready to get started!

Laura