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We're Up and Growing!

Indeed, we're up and running with our four new garden boxes on the School's West End! The organic potting soil is in and we have our starter/practice box going with aloe, rosemary, catnip, garlic chives, oregano, fennel, thyme, mint, basil, sage, and epazote (what this? It's a standard herb to throw in when cooking black beans).

Soon we'll have the Pre-K children working on getting seeds going, with the aim of devoting one garden box per Pre-K class, with each box being divided in thirds, for vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

Thanks to some wonderful volunteers—recently we've had Esmeralda Axel, Irene Stamp-Turner, and Tara Sondock joining me for some weeding and planting. Some of you spotted Sharon Knafo and me this week, sweating it out, carrying sections of St. Augustine grass back there in order to patch up the barren spots around the boxes.

Soon we're hoping to haul in a donated tool shed—courtesy of the Hakimi family. But we need to find a truck/trailer to haul this ten by twelve shed. Any advice?

Next up on the volunteer front—Tuesday, November 8, at 9am. In the meantime, I'll be keeping tabs of Houston's Urban Harvest news and updates regarding garden classes, tips, and seed exchanges...I took my first class there this fall! It was about how to start a school garden!

Look them up online at www.urbanharvest.org

Needs for now:

--Anybody have a trellis to donate? We want to start some growth to cover some of that ugly bomb wall we have around the perimeter of our school grounds.

--Anybody have a compost bin? We want to teach the kids about regeneration and expand our permaculture layout—so far we have an awesome rain barrel. So pray for more rain!

