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Winter is still a time for garden action!



Pre-K lima beans are emerging!

December and January are not at all hunker down months for Houston's greenies. Definitely not so here at BYDS—we'll be active in and out of the classrooms, and there's plenty of stuff to do outdoors, so please be looking for our occasional calls for green thumb volunteers via the Express and the Parent Weekend Newsletter.

We do have plans for the winter—sowing tomatoes, trying out a few bulbs, getting some carrots going, but also some outdoor management...building up the grounds around the garden beds with healthy soil and keeping things trim (as soon as we can lay our hands on a lawn-mower!).



Helena Zach, assistant teacher in the Pre-K program, has a number of winter ideas to keep the kids mindful of the garden outside—preparing seeds indoors, getting things growing for later transplanting. But outdoors we can be cleaning the area and establishing the groundwork for a productive February and March—these are the big time months for Houston gardeners. Also, we'll be working on some master plan concepts and will be very solicitous of our parents' opinions, especially those with some landscaping interest.



In the meantime, we would love to be stockpiling hand trowels and various garden utensils, such as garden hoes, shovels, stakes, weeders, and yes, a lawn-mower! Please give me a call here at school or you can email me at telieff@bethyeshurun.org and let me know if you have any simple in-kind contributions to make for our growing garden!