

Mr. E's Green Blog—11.4.11

Which Seeds Will Grow Fastest?

On Thursday morning our Pre-K students began the initial phase of their Garden program with an ingenious decision by Pre-K Teacher Assistant Helena Zach, our on-staff garden guru, to have each class take on its own method of germinating the lima beans. In class number one, we had cups with cotton balls; in number two we had paper plates with cotton balls; and in number three paper towels in plastic bags. This



scientific approach will even include internal field trips by each class section next week when they visit the other classes and determine which method worked best.

But it won't be a competition. All students will win as they will be planting the little greens out in their new garden plots on the school's West End as soon as we have close to unanimous sprouting.

Want to help out? We will need parent volunteers to help prepare the beds by churning up the soil and adding organic compost or aged manure next Tuesday morning at 9:00am [November 8]. I'll be at the ISAS Heads Conference, so Hayley Feldman will be taking over and overseeing the volunteer help on Tuesday.

Garden materials needed:

--Please bring a bag of organic compost or manure with you on Tuesday in order to help us get the gardens ready!

--Can you bring trowels for the kids? We need buckets of them! 15 per bucket, if you can manage that!

Here's my prediction (bound to be wrong): The lima beans that were sealed in plastic will be the winner!

■ Mr. E.

