

## GO GREEN CLUB MONTHLY RECAPS

2009-2010

### December Recap:

Hello Go Greeners!

In spite of the wet weather we were still able to have our Kids Club meeting in the garden last week. Everyone was so excited to see our new Compost Tumbler which holds 9 1/2 bushels (90 gallons) of material! Basically, we learned that in order to make good compost you need two main ingredients- carbon or "brown stuff" and nitrogen or "green stuff". Brown stuff could be anything from dead leaves, dried plant clippings, or even shredded newspaper or paper bags. The green stuff we used were freshly pulled weeds, grass clippings, and some vegetable scraps from the school cafeteria! The ratio for greens to browns is 4 to 1 so we did our best to meet that criteria. Once the barrel was full, everyone took a turn at tumbling it and if we're lucky, in a few weeks we'll have our first batch of fresh, healthy, homemade compost for our garden!

On a sad note, our baby radishes don't look like they were able to weather the frost and storms we've been having, but as we tell the children- our garden is always a work in progress. Sometimes things work, sometimes they don't, but we keep on trying! We have a good feeling about the second crop though, and feel confident that we'll be tasting some salad greens, radishes, and carrots by spring!

Finally, we'd like to announce our new garden arrivals- California Natives! Look forward to seeing yerba mansa, manzanita, narrowleaf milkweed, and our personal favorite- sticky monkey! We'll start planting as soon as the weather clears up and by late spring we hope to have some living examples of the native plants often discussed in the science and social studies classes. Thanks to Mrs. Holder our science teacher, for helping us with the plant selection! Our next Go Green Kids Club meeting will be on Friday February 12th at lunch recess. We plan on taking our picture for the yearbook at that time so please have your child wear a green shirt if you have one.

Best Green Wishes,

Kathy Bean and Lori Bautista

Go Green chairpersons