

GO GREEN CLUB MONTHLY RECAPS

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October Recap:

The kids did a great job of decorating their pumpkins last Friday. They are now proudly displayed at either the front office or library and can be seen by everyone. We tried to discuss the pesticide free ways we cared for these pumpkins as they were growing in the garden but in the excitement, it may have been an after thought! If anyone is interested in trying these methods at home, here are the recipes:

Homemade Bug Spray

- * A 1 quart spray bottle of water
- * A few drops of liquid dish soap
- * 1 Tablespoon cooking oil

Add all ingredients together and shake a few times. This spray is harmless to people but smothers soft bodied pests.

Adding a clove or two of crushed garlic or pepper flakes is also another great repellent.

Slug Repellent

- *Used Coffee grounds
- *Crushed eggshells

While these 2 common household disposables are harmless to people, the slugs and snails avoid them because of the sharp edges of the shells and the caffeine from the coffee. As an added bonus, the grounds and eggshells are a way to provide extra nutrients to the soil.

Let us know how these tips worked for you at home or if you have any other green tips to share. We'd love to hear from you and may even post them on the Green Wall ! Have a great day !

Best Green Wishes,

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