

DEAR SALINAS ADULT SCHOOL STAFF,

SEPTEMBER 2009

GREETINGS FROM THE GARDEN!

THIS LETTER IS TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN AND TO REMIND YOU WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR MISSION TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS!!

Fall arrives early in our garden. We currently have beautiful, dark orange "Cinderella" pumpkins, with leaves on the vines turning colors and plenty of bugs chomping and munching away. I have come to be a better observer and appreciate the changes of fall more each year. Three varieties of beans have ended, but there are some golden cherry tomatoes sweet and ready. Yellow and green patty pan squash and Armenian cucumbers are still giving us some fruit, and basil is abundant! We have grown our favorite, spaghetti squash, three years in a row for the preschool children to bake, open, shred and taste. You can find dill, rosemary, thyme, oregano and sage. Diana Upton has grown her famous dahlias again - we are thrilled to have her expertise and you simply must see how gorgeous they are!

The garden is a perfect environment for your project based learning ideas. Put a note in my box in Parent Ed and I will be happy to work with you this year to get more students out to the garden. Let's put our creative ideas together and see what happens!

Yours, in Health,

Robin