5) Summer
## Summer Caretakers

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Garden Team or PTO or School
Thank you for taking care of the Worm Bin this summer! They are fairly easy to take care of, but if you run into any problems, please give me a call! Kirsten Saylor, 612-968-3678

Where should I keep the Bin?
The red wigglers should be kept in a cool and dark place. The basement is usually a good place. However, make sure you don't forget them down there. They will need to be fed regularly. In general, do not leave the bin outside, and make sure that the red wigglers stay within the bin.

What do I feed the worms?
Use any peelings or cuttings from raw fruits and vegetables. Carrot peelings, apple or pear cores, banana peels, etc. They can do grains in small quantities, but try to avoid this as it can attract unwanted pests. Oils, meats, eggs — anything fatty or coming from an animal should definitely not go in the bin.

How do I feed the worms?
In order to avoid fruit flies and smells, bury the food scraps in the bin and make sure they are covered. It is a good practice at this time to stir up the bin, particularly from the corners and edges and mix the contents of the bin with a large spoon or garden trowel or even a stick. As the contents get richer in nutrients, there is a greater ability for the material to hold moisture but also prohibit air circulation. Healthy worm environment needs good air circulation.
## Summer Feeding Chart

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6) Return to school early August…

Figure out

• When and how parents can drop off worms
• Who will take care of them

Let worm foster families know
7) Worm Care (part II)

In the Fall

- Parent volunteer to work with students
- Reality Check....
8) Where we are today
Where we are today

Worm Bin in Ms. Kelley’s Kindergarten class

feed worms & record observations with kids in morning. Do experiments, make hypotheses, analyze

Goal is to let each child grow with the worms - start with where they are at.

Create a report with kids
Thursday 2/26

Krisken w/ helpers:

Observations - 5 senses -

Feeding today:

What happened when we fed?

Questions, hypotheses
What you’ll need

Serving Spoon

Pint container with yummy worm food to start

Way to wash hands: container of water, dry wash (run hands over bin)

Gloves if helps getting hands in bin

Container to water bin (watering clinic)

Way to mark where you fed them
Recommendations

Worm bins in classrooms — start where there is interest (make no mandates)

Support teachers with parent-volunteer “wormcorps”

Have a calendar - feeding, harvesting, fostering
Resources

Getting worms & advice)

- Ask parents if they have worm bin at home (we are enthusiastic bunch!)

- COMGAR (Gardening Matters listserv)

Lots of Information online (or give me a call)

- www.wormpoop.com

- www.worm-composting-help.com
Thank you!

Please sign sheet for handouts

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