

Student Spotlight: An Update on Preston R.



Preston R. last school year tending to the garden and teaching students about the process.

Last school year we highlighted Preston R., now a fourth grader, about his passion for gardening. In the Spring of 2021, Preston noticed the raised gardening beds by the Kindergarten classrooms were completely empty. He wondered why there weren't any fruits or vegetables planted in them and asked a staff member if he could bring in his own seeds and plants to garden. Without hesitation, our staff said yes, which in turn provided him and many other students a learning opportunity. With hard work and dedication, life can bloom and grow!

Preston's love for gardening was infectious, as he tended to his fruits and vegetables daily, which caught the attention of many other students. He would spend his recess and lunch tending to the garden and taught other students how to care for fruits and vegetables. "He stands out there every day during breaks and answers questions the other children have for him," said Mrs. Chavez, Yard Supervisor. "It's wonderful to see how passionate he is about gardening and how excited he is to share it with others." This talent and gift is something St. Serra celebrates for each of their students!

Over the summer, Preston would visit campus on occasion to tend to the garden – giving it water during the summer heat. We are proud to say that Preston's garden is still alive and well! At the beginning of the school year, Preston was able to harvest tomatoes and shared the fruits of his labor with other students (see photo below). We are very proud of you Preston! Thank you for sharing your gifts with our St. Serra Community.



Preston R. in this school year, 2021-22, showing us the grape tomatoes that grew from the garden!