The Emerson snowball gift giving drive was a huge success. Once again, the donations from the Emerson community provided gifts for every family who was identified. Your generous gifts provided a happy holiday season for families in need. Thank you for thinking beyond yourself and supporting this initiative.

As I reflect on this past year, I want to thank everyone in the Emerson community for working together to support our students. I see the collective efforts of Emerson’s parents, staff, and faculty make a difference in the lives of students each day. Wishing each of you a relaxing and rejuvenating winter break.

Happy holidays! --Ms. Reynolds
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https://emerson.slcschools.org/calendars

Please send submissions/comments/complaints to:

Susan Rich @ birdbath@gmail.com

Morgan’s Garden update from November below
November Eaglet

We are gearing up for winter in the garden as the days become cloudy and shorter. This Month, we learned about season extension and how to fight erosion. In 4th grade, we spent some time testing the garden soil and reviewing the soil triangle before planting our cover crops for the winter. In 3rd grade, we planted hundreds of tulip bulbs and garlic for spring. In KinderGarden club we learned about decomposition, weighed pumpkins and counted pumpkin seeds while learning about processed and non processed food.

Some good garden news! Green Our Planet has awarded us an $8,000 fully funded grant for a hydroponic system, both for our school and for individual classrooms! We have been working to visualize the perfect space for our new systems.

What is Hydroponic?

The word hydroponics comes from a combination of the Greek word *hydro*, which means “of water,” and the Greek word *ponos*, which means “work.”

Hydroponics is the science of cultivating plants in a nutrient-rich solution instead of soil, where the water does the “work” of delivering nutrients to the plant’s roots. Because the roots are bathed in a nutrient solution, there is constant nourishment for the plants. Since hydroponic gardens don’t require soil and can be kept indoors, they are perfect for schools that can’t grow plants outside in the winter. Indoor, climate-controlled hydroponic systems make food production and education possible any time of the year in any weather condition.
This created the opportunity for hands-on learning about day length, pH, temperature, nutrients, and healthy eating!

**Garden Committee:** If you want to be more involved in the garden, join the garden committee! Meetings are the first Thursday of every month. Send me an email @
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Be sure to follow our instagram @emersongarden1 to stay up to date!