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### **Veggie U Classroom Garden in Gallatin Gateway School**

GALLATIN GATEWAY – Ashley Davis’ fourth-grade classroom has been selected to receive a Veggie U Classroom Garden Kit. This is a five-week program teaching elementary and special needs students how plants grow and the importance of good nutrition. It is a hands-on opportunity for students to learn about food and healthy choices. Veggie U incorporates extensive journal activities, mathematics, language arts, and fine arts into standards-based science lessons, providing an interactive and enjoyable way for students to study these core concepts. It allows the students to fully experience planting, growing, harvesting – and tasting the results. Veggie U culminates with a Feast Day celebration at the end of the five weeks.

The Veggie U Classroom Garden Kit includes: seeds, soil, planter and propagation flats; grow light and root view boxes; live worms and a box of fresh, unique tasting vegetables; and other materials that will help the fourth graders learn about their classroom garden.

The fourth graders are looking forward to incorporating this project into Gallatin Gateway School’s existing greenhouse curriculum. Explanatory writing, videos, and photos will document the five-week process, available for viewing on the class website!

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