



Service Learning News

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Returning to Old Trail School after spring break felt wonderful, for it also meant that I had returned from a trip to Shanghai. Though seeing family that lives there is always a joy, it is a rigorous trip and the jet lag takes its toll. I am happy to be sleeping through the night in my own bed!

Now that the weather is warmer, our service learning thoughts are turning to our own campus. Several grades headed out with trash bags to pick up the accumulated trash, sticks and branches left from snow storms, sleet, ice and slush. You can see by the accompanying pictures

of first graders and their fourth grade pals that the project was also great fun!

At the same time, we are working on our herb garden. Next week fourth graders will be planting seeds, which will be transplanted into the prepared garden after May 15. Jimmy and Bill, our hard-working custodians, have leveled the ground, are spreading topsoil, and will be erecting a seven foot fence and gate to keep National Park critters out.

In May, I will be asking for volunteer families to maintain the garden over the summer. Just consider the pleasure in working together as a family on Saturday or Sunday, watering, weeding, and smelling the pleasant aroma of sweet basil, lavender, thyme, chives, and other herbs of summer!

Serving together,

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