



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child's class recently participated in the Living Classroom lesson **Three Sisters Garden Harvest**. During this lesson, students learned more about Native American communities' relationships to native plants, explored the symbiotic relationship between corn, beans, and squash, and practiced their measuring skills when finding out the length, weight, and circumference of the produce they harvested.

Students were divided into two groups to complete the activities in this lesson. During the scavenger hunt activity, students visited the school's native garden to identify plants that were used by California Native Americans in different ways. When completing the Three Sisters Garden activity, students moved to the edible garden to collect corn, beans, and squash and measure the weight, length, and circumference of the crops. Students had the opportunity to practice using various measuring tools including tape measures and three types of scales.

Back in the classroom, we wrapped up by discussing the symbiotic relationship between corn, beans, and squash and how companion planting can be beneficial for many types of plants. Be sure to ask your student about how corn, beans, and squash work together to grow and thrive!

Warm regards,

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