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**Long-Term Garden Maintenance Research**

**Lesson Purpose:** To conduct research on various aspects of maintaining a garden for a long-term duration, to ensure a successful garden year-round. The research conducted will include students in each group making recommendations on their assigned topic to the whole class, during the whole-group share-out in Activity 3. This research is critical to informing the class on how to proceed with the Master Garden Maintenance Checklist which will be created in Activity 4.

**Research Resources:** In addition to searching content-specific internet sites, student can access the articles in the “Reading Materials” section of the Module 10 resources. There are some great articles, including one titled:

* **“Setting up and running a school garden.”** This particular article has some great information that will be helpful to many of the research groups.

**Research Topics:**

* ***Reviewing Existing Garden Maintenance Processes***

***(established in Lesson 7)***

* + 3 Ws: Walking, weeding, watering
  + Thinning vegetables
  + Protecting plants from inclement weather
  + Harvesting processes & timeline
  + Distributing produce
  + Flower care
* ***Pest Management***
  + *Article: “In the Garden” by Greg Rubin*
    - *Looking at pest management in a new way …*
  + *Green pest management options*
  + *Integrated Pest Management (IPM) solutions*
    - *Solve pest problems*
    - *Minimize risks to humans, pets, and wildlife*
* ***Composting***
  + *“From table to farm”*
* ***Fertilizing the Soil (Soil Amending)***
  + *Ensuring good soil quality*
* ***Rotating Crops***
  + *Planning for year-round garden cycles*
* ***Soil Coverage***
  + *Mulch needs*
  + *Weed mat*

**Tasks:**

* Students will be divided into groups and assigned one of the above topics.
* Be sure students have access to computers, the internet, and a quiet space to conduct research.
* Students can use the space on Page 2 to jot down notes on things they learn, and recommendations, which they will then share whole-group on Day 3 of the Lesson.

**Research Notes:**

* Source:
* Date:
* Notes:
* **Recommendations:**