

Burpee Plants--Cafe Mom Influencer-- Updated



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Friday was Earth Day and I was the guest lecturer at Max's Kindergarten. We covered some ASL (American Sign Language) signs that had to do with growing things....grow, garden, pea, cup, water, sun, etc. After that we planted some peas in repurposed containers. I chose peas because Kindergarten students need some immediate feedback and peas sprout quickly.



Here are the pea seeds planted in the recycled Mandarin Orange cups. On Tuesday (yesterday) some of the peas had already sprouted!

Update....here they are on 5-2-11! That's like week and a half!



When I returned home from the Kindergarten class, I had a pleasant surprise waiting for me....plants! I had volunteered to be a tester for Burpee awhile back. Fed Ex delivered a box of live plants, and on Earth Day. How fortuitous!



In the box were 2 plants of each: 2 varieties (Red Delicious, Costa Rican Sweet) of pepper, 3 varieties (Napa Grape, 4th of July, Early Girl) of tomato and 2 (Sweet Italian, Boxwood) varieties of basil. I got right to work.



The plants arrived and were strong and healthy looking. Typically, I grow heirloom varieties, directly from seed. The row on the left are my own plants. The middle and right hand rows are the Burpee tomato plants, which are hybrids. The peppers and some of the basil are in the sunny spot near the tree trunk.



Here are the black soy beans starts that I transplanted in the big garden. These were started from seeds from the Bountiful Gardens catalog. They have a lot of hard to find seeds and all are heirloom.



Here are some peas, started about a week and a half prior that I transplanted. Let's see how the tomato ladders work as support for them.



Since my cucumber starts keep getting devoured by the snails, I'm trying something new. I am covering the area in plastic and spreading diatomaceous earth on the plastic. The back is a support so these cukes can climb. So far, my cucumber seedlings remain unmolested by the snails.....yippee!

So hope you enjoyed my gardening updates from last week....stay tuned for more. Enjoy your week!