

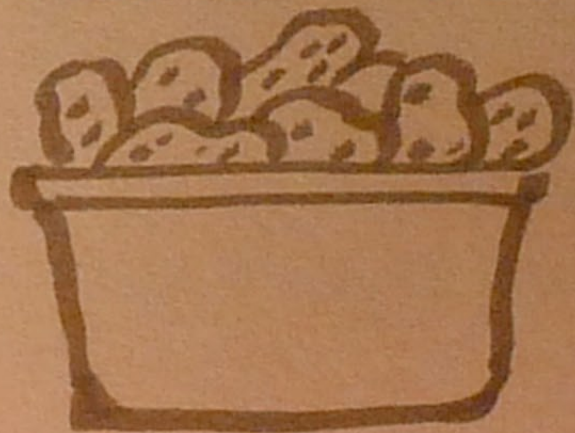
SPUDS

IN

TUBS

BY

VALHALLA KIDS



One very warm, sunny day on May 16, Ms. Kimmel came over from Kindergarten. She had a surprise for us. We were very curious to see the surprise, but it did not look like a surprise. It looked like:

- 2 big plastic tubs
- 2 bags of soil
- 1 pail of compost dirt
- 1 box of oval things called potatoes

We counted 17 brown potatoes. They had some black splotches.

What are they?



They look like octopus

The potatoes had long, thin, arms called sprouts. Their pointy tips were white and green.

We weighed each one on a scale.



1. We mixed the soil with the compost dirt.



2. We planted the potatoes very carefully under the soil.



3. Then we gave them LOTS of water... oh yeh, Natalie put holes in the bottom.

May 30, 14 days later



Wow!

Wow!

They sprouted "BIG TIME"! We took these pictures and added more soil around the baby plants.



June 6,
The little plants
needed MORE
Soil around
their stems.
We gave them
LOTS of little
drinks.

The plants
measured
6" above
the edge of
the tubs.



June 12,
Now they are 16" above the
edge of the tubs.



Is that a bud??



June 13
 17" above
 the edge...
 1" in 1 day!
 Wow!!
 Mmm... I
 wonder,
 which is the
 biggest leaf?



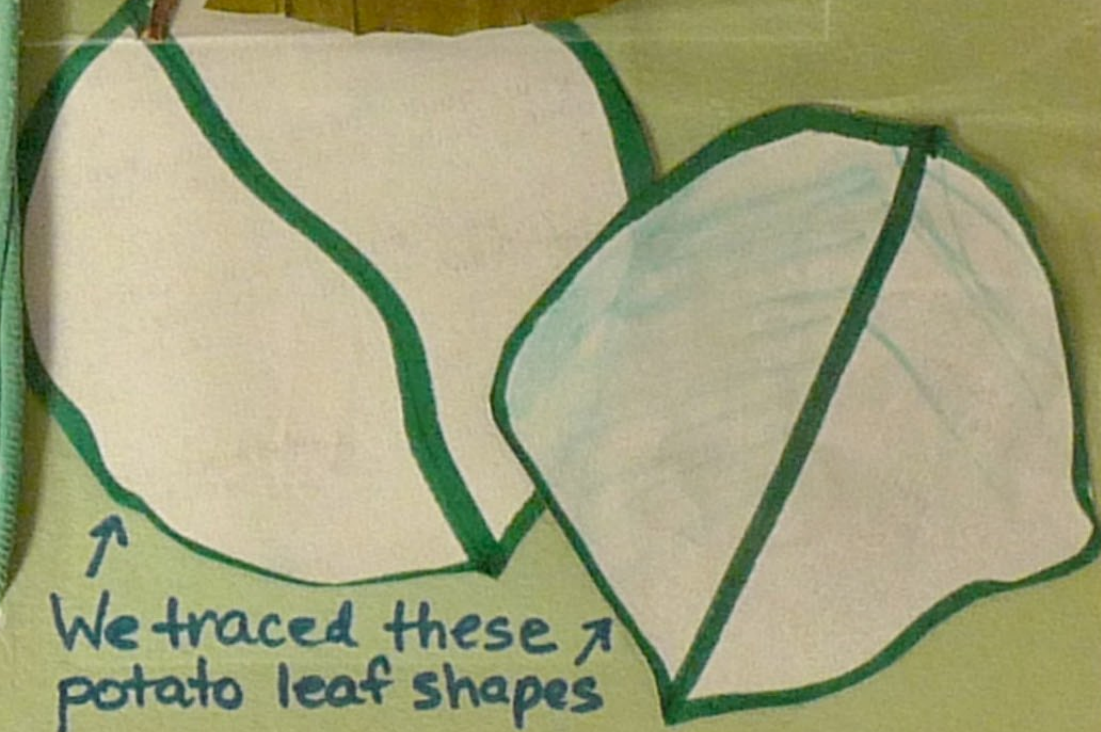
ooo— I like
 this leaf.

Lots of
 leaves here!

Could this
 be the
 biggest?



Here is the
 winner!
 Bet you
 never thought
 it would be
 this shape.



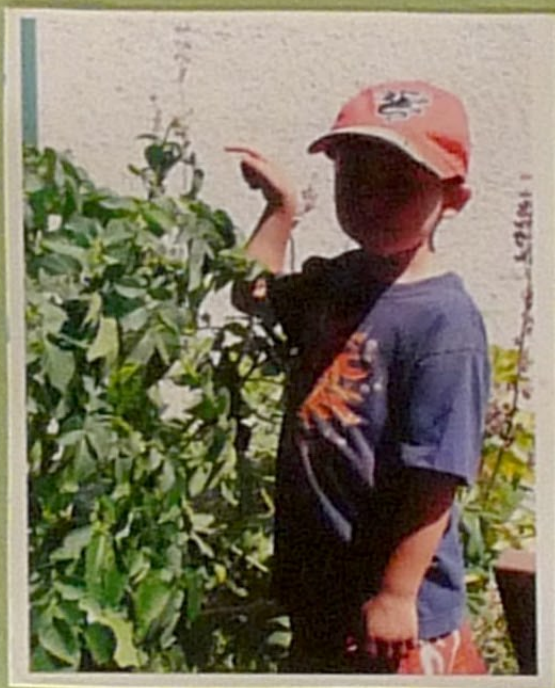
↑
 We traced these ↑
 potato leaf shapes



June 19:
Can you see the flower buds?

24" above the
tubs...

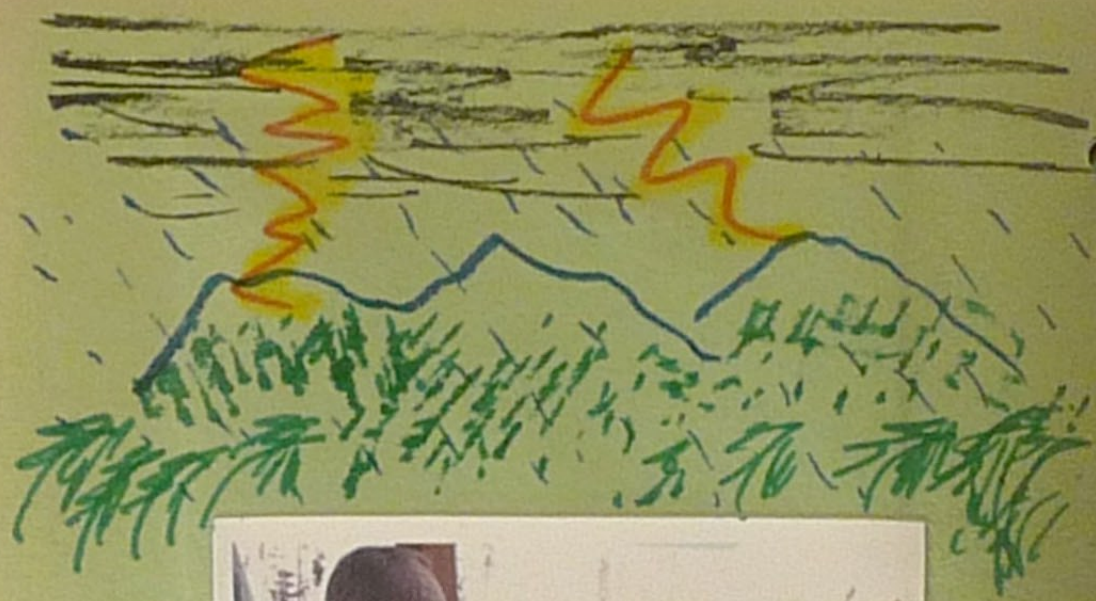
"that flower
is taller than
my eyes!...
but I'm still
bigger!"



June 26:
The flowers are open.
We had to measure the pole, the



plants are too bushy. They
are 31 1/2" above the tubs.



After a week of crazy storming,
our plants looked very different.
"How do we measure them now,
Natalie?"
We don't need to water them, the
rain did that. We just let them
grow.

August 29: HARVEST TIME!



We are really excited. "I wonder
what we will find."

First, we pulled off all the dead
stuff.



Then, we began to dig! dig! dig!

I feel something!



We found a potato!

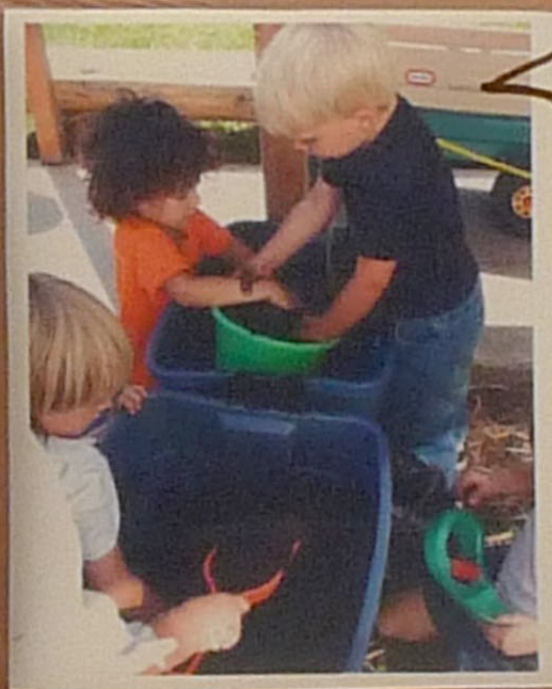
Here, let me help you get it out



Hey, there's another one!!



I think I got one too!



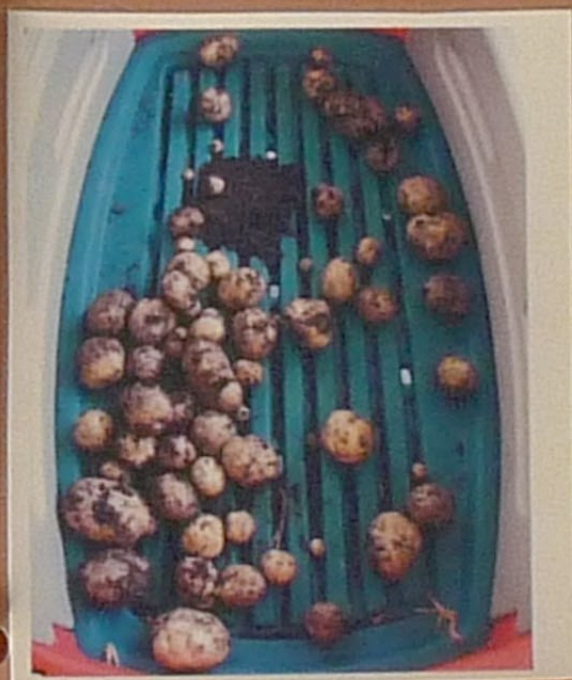
There's no potatoes here, it's just dirt.

WE DID IT!!
ALL FINISHED!!

We found:

- 30 big-size
- 29 small-size
- 12 teeny, tiny

71 potatoes



MAY					JULY				
1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	10 FELL	11	12	13	14
15	6 DAYS	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 PROTECTED				31				
JUNE					AUGUST				
			1	2	1	2	3	4	
5	6-8 ⁺	1	2	3	7	8	9	10	11
2 16 th	13 LEAVES	14	15 20 th	16	14	15	16	17	18
17 21 st BUDS	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25
26 27 th FLOWER	28	29	30		28	29 HARVEST	30	31	

We used a calendar like this ↑.

Valhalla Kids working crew:

Violet & Arthur	Conor
Kalen & Tosh	Rowan
Dylan	Xavier
Eeana	Oriah
Sawyer	Joshua
Cameron	
Adrian	