

Make it a classroom competition!

Your Classroom Victory Garden can inspire good-natured competition between your students as they learn about tomatoes and teamwork. Here's how:

1. Divide your students into teams.
2. Give them garden names such as the *Carrot-tops*, the *Sweet Peas* and the *Cabbage Heads*.
3. Have each team take responsibility for their plot to grow, water, and chart their garden's progress.
 - a. They can decorate their charts with their group names
4. They can share their progress in a daily/weekly/monthly presentation to the rest of the class
5. The groups can share their successes and work together to solve any gardening problems
6. This option really highlights the teamwork that took place during World War II when many people came together to grow community gardens.

Additional Option: Give each group a different vegetable seed to plant (corresponding to their group name)

- a. At the end of the project, each group can present on their vegetable- what they have learned about it, how it grew etc. using their garden chart
- b. Once each group has presented, the class can have a Salad Party and get to taste all of their delicious vegetables!