



*Plant a few potatoes on St. Patrick's Day.*

## March

Vernal equinox is on or about March 20.

### In the Gardens:

- Record and sketch in garden journals. This is an important time to document plant changes for third grade "Changes" unit.
- If you need help navigating planting times, seek advice from a plant nursery, website or book.
- In the cold frame, start celery, chives, leeks, parsley in pots - for transplanting into the garden after it has warmed a bit.
- In beds outdoors, plant: arugula, Asian greens, lettuce, peas, radish, spinach, carrots, Swiss chard, turnip, chives and parsley.
- If growing greens for the salad bar or stir fry, try some new varieties that you find through seed catalogs. Greens that reflect Atkinson's cultural diversity or heirloom varieties would make good choices.
- Using organic methods, fertilize after true leaves appear on plant.
- Rotate crops; don't plant bed with same plant family repeatedly. This will improve soil, discourage insect and disease problems, and help balance nutrition demands.

