

A close-up photograph of several ripe, red strawberries with green leaves and straw mulch in a garden bed. The strawberries are the primary focus, with one in the foreground left, one in the foreground right, and one slightly behind them in the center. The background is filled with more green leaves and straw.

Lessons Learned from the Garden

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A photograph of a garden bed filled with various flowers. In the upper left, there are several bright yellow Black-eyed Susans with dark brown centers. To the right and in the foreground, there are clusters of small purple cornflowers and tiny white baby's breath flowers. The plants are growing in a bed of dark brown mulch. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**When a flower doesn't bloom,
you fix the environment in
which it grows, not the flower.**

A photograph of a garden bed. On the left, there are several yellow Black-eyed Susans with dark brown centers. To the right, there is a dense cluster of purple cornflowers and white baby's breath flowers. The ground is covered with brown mulch. A concrete sidewalk is visible in the bottom right corner.

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3. Remember the ecosystem.



**The best project an educator can work
on this summer is themselves.**

**Imagine the teacher you aspire to be
and read/study/meditate/practice/work
in pursuit of that vision.**

-Christopher Emdin, Teachers College, Columbia University