

Summary: I achieved my goal of promoting an awareness of agriculture in my classroom.

*Organized a field trip for 63 first grade students to Pyrah's Pioneer Farm

*Provided healthy Alaskan grown ingredients for cooking lessons & snacks

*Increased the number of plant, vegetable, fruit and farming books in my student library.

The students were very interested and excited about visiting the farm and growing plants. I surveyed the children prior to our visit to Pyrah's Pioneer Farm and invited them to brainstorm a list of the types of plants they would see growing at the farm. Upon our return I invited the children to list out all of the plants they observed. After compiling their data we compared what we saw to what they had predicted would be growing at the farm. We had good discussion about how individual plants grew and why some plants were not growing at the farm.

What will we see at the farm?

Corn	Potatoes	Flowers	Grape trees	Carrots
Tomatoes	Apple Trees	Pear Trees	Bananas	Pineapples

What we know about the farm

Does it grow at the Farm? Y=yes, N=no, M=maybe

Corn y	Potatoes y	Flowers y	Grape trees n	Carrots y
Tomatoes m	Apple Trees m	Pear Trees m	Bananas n	Pineapples n

What did we see growing at the farm?

pumpkin	broccoli	cabbage	lettuce	turnip
radish	spinach	radish	carrots	





Specialty Crops: Throughout the year we focused on some plants that we observed growing at Pyrah's Farm: carrots, potatoes, lettuce, and peas. The children prepared snacks and created a picture icon of their favorite Alaskan grown snack, cooked potato latkes, prepared stone soup and started potato, lettuce, carrot and pea plants. Families were involved in cooking and planting projects.

2. Increase awareness of Alaska Grown: Along with our New Plants unit we focused on the specialty crops carrots, potatoes, lettuce and peas.

3. Scholarship Funds: The funds were used for one bus trip to Pyrah's Pioneer farm in September 2009. I purchased a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles promoting agriculture through literacy. **All Receipts Included.**



Item	Cost	Explanation
Bus	\$ 147.03	Trip to local farm
Scholastic Book Club	\$ 279.64	Agriculture texts
Tidal Wave Books	\$ 62.50	Agriculture texts
3 Bears	\$ 6.95	Veggie Face Cooking
Pyrah's Pioneer Farm	\$ 14.88	Variety of pumpkins
Total	\$511.00	