



LIFE ON THE FARM

Planting seeds and understanding farming importance



GRADES K-2

MATERIALS

- *Down on the Funny Farm* by Alastair Graham and Patrick E. King
- potting soil
- green bean seeds
- styrofoam cups
- drawing paper
- art materials (crayons, markers, paint, etc)
- writing paper

STANDARDS

- SCI.1.3.2
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- SCI.2.4.2

OBJECTIVE

- Students will learn the importance of farming and the responsibilities a farmer has.

PROCEDURE

- Students should talk about what they know about farms and the job of being a farmer. Explain that farmers do more than take care of animals, such as planting food and gathering dairy products.
- Read the story *Down on the Funny Farm*, or another book about farms, aloud.
- Students will talk about what happened in the book and share their comments.
- Tell each student they will be a farmer! They should decorate their styrofoam cups and fill each cup 2/3 full with potting soil.
- Place a bean seed in the soil and put another inch of dirt in the cup to cover the seed.
- Have the students decorate their styrofoam cups.
- Have the students pour enough water in their cup to make the soil moist and place their cup near a window to get sunshine.
- Have the students continue to water their seed and measure their plant over the next six weeks. After which they can take their plants home.

