

My American Farm – “Field Story” Series

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My American Farm Classroom Visit

Jane Addams Elementary Schaumburg, IL

Students at suburban Jane Addams Elementary learned about agriculture through My American Farm during a classroom visit on April 21, 2011. In total, 60 students in three classes, grades three, four and five, participated in the fun and engaging classroom visit.

The visit employed a **new** lesson on My American Farm called Agriculture is Everywhere! This lesson provides a fun, engaging, and easy way to teach students about the people, products, and places involved in the field of Agriculture.

Students play [Ag Across America](#) to learn about the places and products involved in agriculture. They also learn about the people involved in agriculture by watching a [short video associated with Amazing Grains](#) and by playing [My Little Ag Me](#).

The classroom visits lasted about 50 minutes each and were held in a media center. Classes rotated in to the media center to make logistics easier.

During the presentation students received copies of the [My American Farm Coloring Book and Game Guide](#), a copy of the [Passport to Sustainability](#), My American Farm Crayons, the [Commodity Crossword Activity Sheet](#) and the [One Page Summary about My American Farm](#).

At the conclusion of the classroom visit programs, students were invited to come back to the computer lab to play the games on My American Farm during their recess time. In total, 22 students came back to explore and play the games.

The presentation was evaluated using a version of the [Evaluation Form](#) available in the Educator Resources area of My



A fifth grade class explores agriculture by thinking about their favorite type of pizza at the beginning of the Agriculture is Everywhere lesson.



Students play the game independently in the computer lab following the presentation.

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American Farm. Teachers indicated the following feedback:

- 100% felt that the information provided on MyAmericanFarm.org was excellent
- 100% felt that the activities and games used during the presentation were excellent
- 100% felt that the interaction with the students and teachers was excellent

Teachers had the following to say about the My American Farm visit:

- *The game choices really piqued my students’ interest in agriculture.*
- *I believe the students enjoyed this presentation (and they learned something)!*
- *This lesson works very well with our social studies curriculum about regions!*

Try holding a classroom visit on your own using the resources outlined above.



A student playing Let's Make Something Tasty during free time.

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