

FARMING

SPRINKLES

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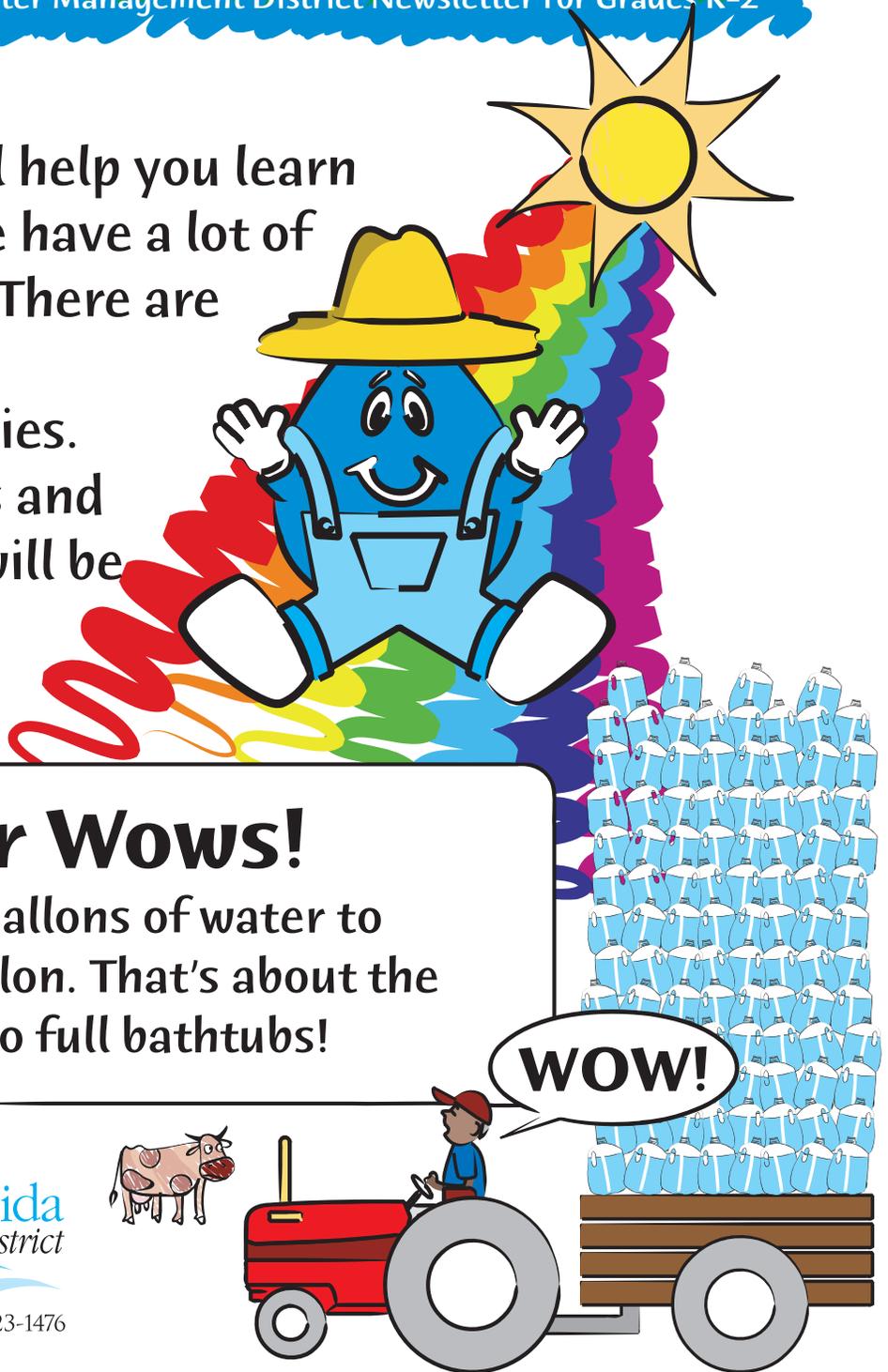
A Southwest Florida Water Management District Newsletter for Grades K-2

Hi!

I am Ripply. I will help you learn about farming. We have a lot of farms in our area. There are all kinds of them!

We will read stories. We will play games and color. Everything will be about farming.

Let's begin now!



Water Wows!

It takes 100 gallons of water to grow a watermelon. That's about the same as two full bathtubs!

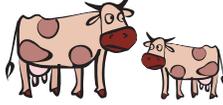


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People who work on farms are called farmers. Farmers grow plants and raise animals for us to eat. The work farmers do is called agriculture (ag-rih-kul-cher), or “ag” for short.

There are many kinds of farms. Strawberries,  and  grow on fruit farms. Carrots, peppers and  grow on vegetable farms. On ranches, we find animals such as , , and chickens. Lots of  are raised in lakes and ponds on fish farms.

All living things need . Farmers need  to grow fruits and vegetables. Animals need  to grow up strong and healthy. Farmers have learned to save  to make sure there is enough for everyone.

The End



Kinds of Foods



1

A vegetable is a plant or part of a plant. Vegetables grow under the ground or near it.



2

A fruit is part of a plant with seeds in it. Fruits grow on bushes, plants and trees.



3

An animal is a living thing that can move around.

We eat many vegetables, fruits and parts of animals. They are grown or raised on farms. What kind of food is each thing below? Write number 1 near the vegetables, number 2 near fruits and number 3 near the animals.



lemon



chicken



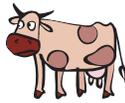
lettuce



strawberry



catfish



cow



orange



pepper



carrot



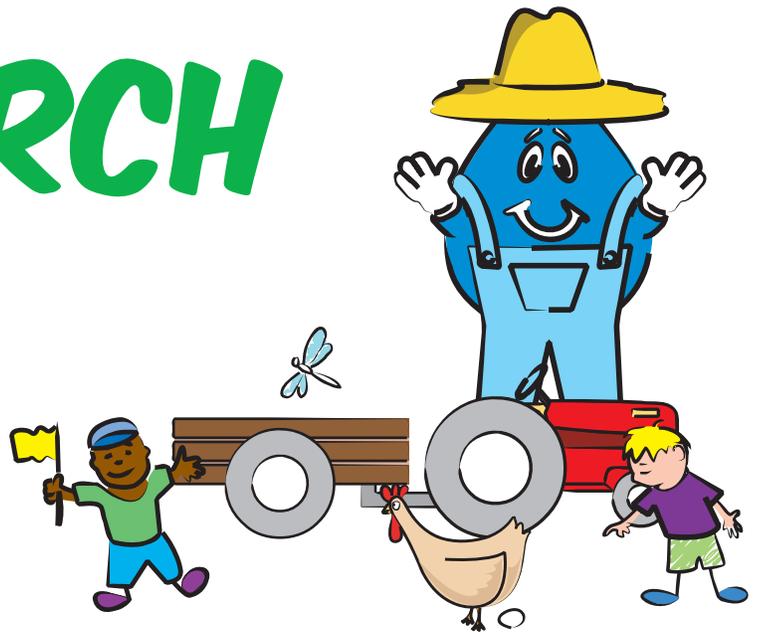
broccoli

Name your favorite fruit, vegetable or meat.
Draw a picture of it below.

AG SEARCH

Florida farmers grow and raise many kinds of food. Just like people, these plants and animals all need

water to live. To make sure there is enough for everyone, farmers have learned many ways to save water.



For each food listed below, find and color the letters of the word on the following page.



O R A N G E

find these letters and color them orange

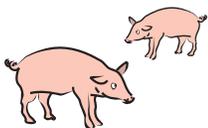
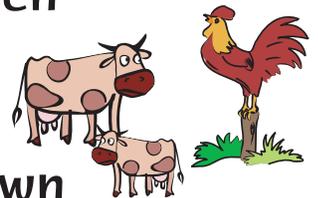


L E T T U C E

find these letters and color them green

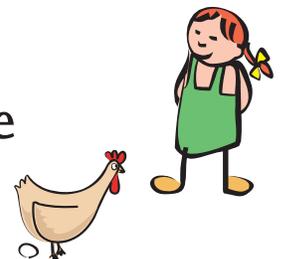
C O W

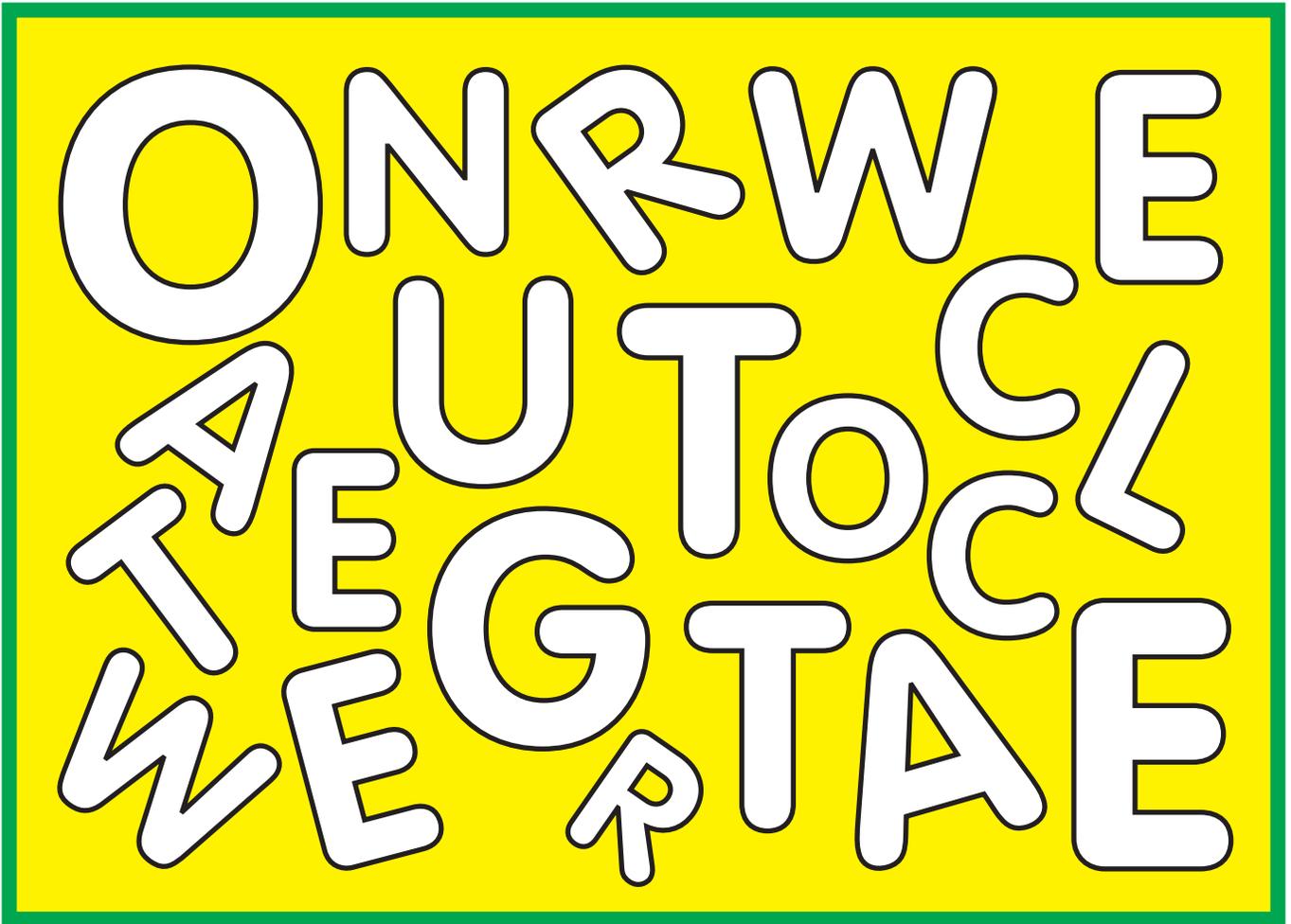
find these letters and color them brown



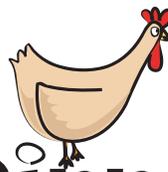
W A T E R

find these letters and color them blue





Now write one of these words below and draw a picture to match.



It's Dinner Time

The things we eat and drink come from many places.
Choose items to make a good dinner for yourself.
Then draw your dinner in the space below.

Dinner



meat



fish



chicken



turkey



squash



potatoes



beans

Salad



lettuce



cucumber



tomato



peppers

Dessert



fruit



cookies



ice cream

Drinks



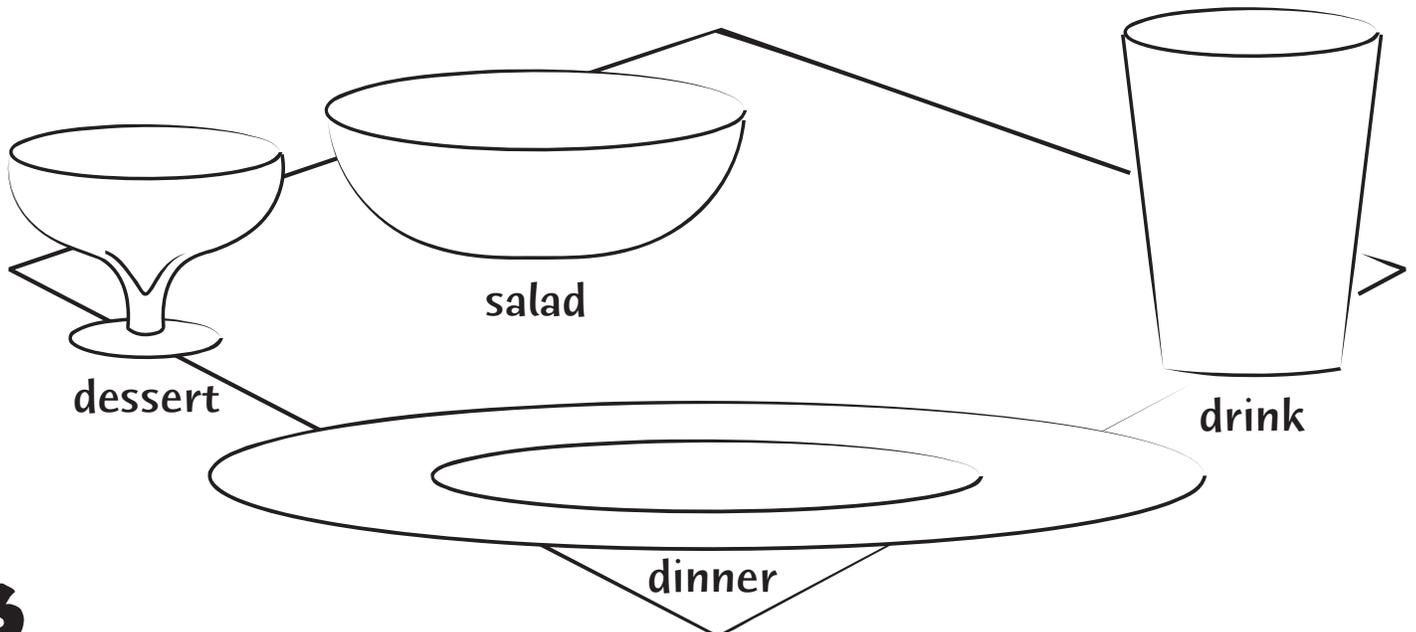
water



milk



juice





Water Watcher Activity



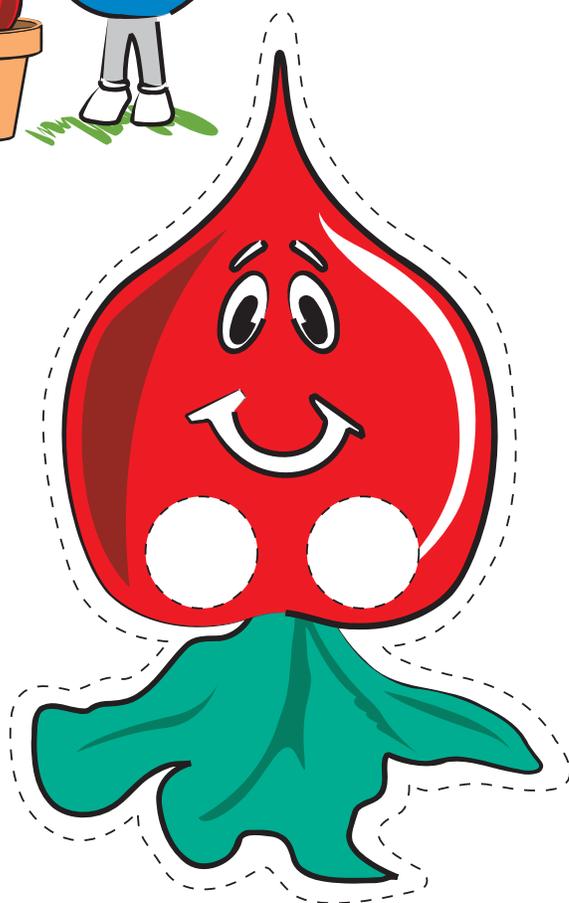
Let's make a mini vegetable garden. It's fun!

Materials:

- a pot
- a few radish seeds
- potting soil
- water

Directions:

1. Fill a pot with potting soil. Then press down on the soil.
2. Use your finger to poke a hole in the soil. The hole should be as deep as your fingernail. Make other holes about 2 inches apart.
3. Place a seed in each hole.
4. Cover the holes with soil and press down with your hands.
5. Put on just enough water to make the soil damp and place the pot in a sunny place. Your plants will need 6 hours of sunlight every day.
6. Your garden may need water every day. When the soil feels dry, add just enough water to make it damp. Be a good farmer and use just the water you need.



Extra Fun

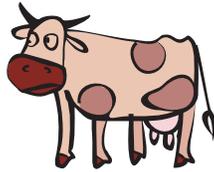
Cut out the radish puppet above. Poke your fingers through the holes. Pretend that you are a radish. Tell how you grew from a little seed to become a big radish!



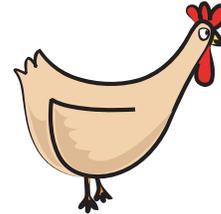
Farming Tic-Tac-Toe



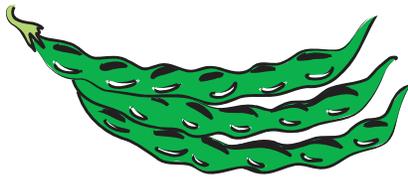
strawberry



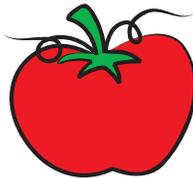
cow



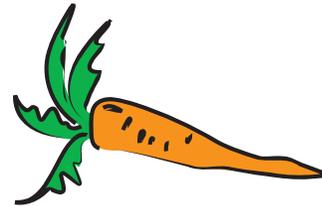
chicken



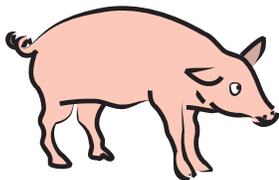
beans



tomato



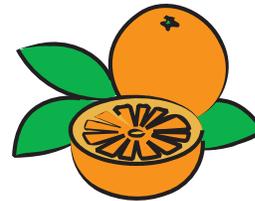
carrot



pig



plants



oranges

How to Play:

1. The first player will be O. Player O will point to a picture and tell why it needs clean, fresh water. An O should be drawn on the picture.
2. The other player is X. Player X will point to another picture and tell why it needs water. Then an X should be drawn on the picture.
3. Take turns. The first player to have three Xs or Os in a line is the winner. The line may be across, up and down or on a diagonal.