

May 2018

**Project Title: New First Graders, New Garden**

**Grade Level and Subject: First Grade- Science, ELA, Math, Art**

**Projected Number of Students Affected: 85**

Teacher: R Cato

**Follow up info on implementation of garden.**

**First, thank you so much for continuing to fund this first grade garden. Each year it gets a little better and more beneficial for the students. In the spring, each student began a vegetable from a seed. Monitoring a plant from seed to seedling and identifying the parts of the plant are part of first grade standards. This seedling was sent home for the student to start a garden at home. Our hope is that it encouraged parents to add to the one plant and have more plants for their home.**

**Strom Thurmond FFA brought seedlings for peppers and tomatoes. I purchased squash and zucchini seeds to also add to our garden. We are excited to start the plants and hopefully get some vegetables before school ends.**

**We weeded our garden box and planted our plants in April. Because we planted before spring break, we had volunteers that came to water while we were gone.**

**Attached are some pictures of us weeding the box, planting our individual plants, and our garden getting ready to bloom.**