



Ruby Drive Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern,

The All About Foods program has been a wonderful experience at Ruby Drive. They have provided all grade levels with the opportunity to plant, nurture, and then harvest crops. This really opened student minds to understanding the garden-to-table journey of the foods they eat. A new relationship with foods was evident at our lunch tables where we witnessed a greater willingness to try unfamiliar vegetables and fruits. We saw fewer leftovers.

The program functions like a classroom unit on food and nutrition, only the whole school is participating, parents, students, and teachers. Everyone is excited about the gardens. During one parent meeting, we took a walk through the gardens and couldn't resist tasting some lettuce and peas. Each grade level has its' own garden bed and three food related lessons for their grade level that are tied to CA Common Core Standards in cross curricular topics during the year. The lessons are coordinated with teachers, well planned, and engagingly delivered.

As an administrator I was interested in a gardening project for the school, but the thought of it raised more questions than answers. Then came All About Foods! They are a first class organization that delivered everything they said they would. Their volunteers built attractive, raised beds, one for each grade level. They coordinated the Boy Scouts to bring the perfect soil. The first planting was arranged with each grade level. A compost center was started. Then the harvest resulting in every grade level having a 10 foot table piled high with produce for students to share.

All About Foods is a non-profit, educational organization that fulfills every promise. It has been an amazing experience and an administrator's dream for quality of outcome and ease of implementation. The perfect learning package and so much fun!!!

Sincerely,

Diana McKibben
Principal
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