

First Kids Club

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Summer Newsletter!

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Joke of the quarter:

What's the best day of the week to go to the beach?

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Dear First Kid..

Happy summer! It's that time of year again for playing outside and enjoying the warm weather.

Pay special attention to the *growing* landscape...from the green grass to the leaves on the trees to the vegetables popping up in the garden and the crops peaking through the soil in the field. This is a special time of year for *growing*!

Also, work on *growing* your knowledge—we plan to help with this by sending you a book for summer reading!

Stop by the bank soon to see how your account is *growing*!

Hey Mom & Dad!

Did you know??

We have several summer events! We'd love to see you!

- Wednesday, July 4th- Watseka Parade 10am
- Thursday, July 12th- Customer Appreciation Event in Clifton 4-7pm
- Friday, July 13th

 Clifton Fun Days Parade 7pm
- Wednesday, July 25th

 First Trust Travel Trip to Tony N Tina's Wedding in Chicago (call today for reservations!)
- Mid August

 Customer Appreciation Event and Ag Day Event in Watseka (stay tuned for details!)



Feature Story: Fun Facts on Growing Food

Sunlight is necessary in growing any living thing — and so is water! Even these two important elements need to be in the right quantity, though. Too much or too little can sometimes even be harmful. Read below for some interesting facts on fruits and vegetables!

- Technically, tomatoes, green beans, pumpkins, squash and cucumbers are fruit because they have seeds.
- Most vegetables need warm weather to grow, but some vegetables, like spinach, lettuce, carrots and turnips,

can grow in cold weather.

- Vegetable plants can develop flowers and form seeds if you let them. We usually eat them before they have a chance to make flowers.
- The part of the broccoli that you eat is actually baby flowers that haven't opened yet. Once the flowers open, the broccoli tastes bitter.
- Strawberries are not technically a berry by definition,

berries have their seeds on the inside, and strawberries have their 200 seeds on the outside.

- The potato was the first vegetable grown in space!
- In subtropical areas, like Brazil, where they grown some kinds of oranges, the temperature isn't cold enough for the skin to turn orange. So, the orange could stay green or yellow, even when it's ripe!
- Many fruits grow on trees, and some even grow on vines.









Directions: Fill in the missing vowels (A, E, I, O or U) for the following fruit and vegetable words.

- 1. R NG
- 2. _ P P L _
- $3. \quad STR_WB_RRY$
- 4. P_T_T_
- 5. T_M_T_
- 6. C_C_MB_R
- 7. BR_CC_L_
- 8. C_RR_TS
- 9. L $_$ T T $_$ C $_$
- 10.P_MPK_N

ANSWERS: 1. orange 2. apple 3. strawberry 4. potato 5. tomato 6. cucumber 7. broccoli 8. carrots 9. lettuce 10. pumpkin