

ANCS School Farm Update



Harvests by the numbers:

- Kale (curly and Red Russian) – 60.5 lbs.
- Collards – 36.5 lbs.
- Lettuce (Romaine, red leaf, and green leaf) – 140 lbs.
- Herbs (green onions, mint, and parsley) – 3.5 lbs.

Total=240.5 lbs. school-grown produce!



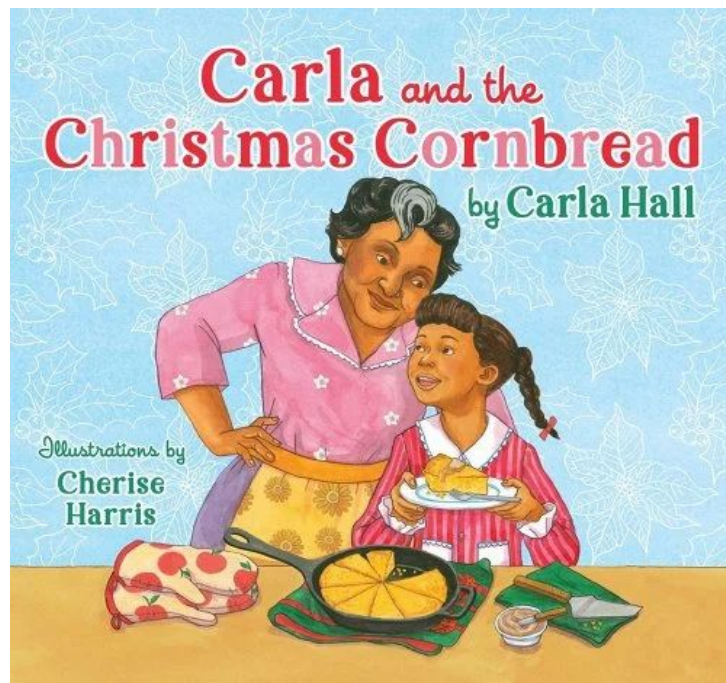
Farm lessons taught by grade level:

- K – Harvest with Farmer Musa
- 1st – Sweet potato harvest, plant needs, plant parts, George Washington Carver
- 2nd – Three Sisters Gardens, companion planting, agriculture of Muskogee Creek and Cherokee peoples
- 3rd – Harvest with Farmer Musa
- 4th – Water cycle, boiling and freezing point
- 5th – Plant classification (3 lessons)



Read aloud books about food culture and traditions:

- November
 - Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story
 - Before We Eat
 - Ostaliheliga: We Are Grateful
- December
 - Hanukkah Bear
 - Carla and the Christmas Cornbread
 - Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa



AfterCare activities:

- Weeding
- Watering strawberries
- Planting tulip and daffodil bulbs
- Making crop signs for the farm beds



On the horizon and/or in development:

- Starting in January, adding a second day with farmers each week to begin seeding in the EC greenhouse
- Starting a Farm Club during AfterCare once a week at MC farm and greenhouse for interested students
- Exploring the addition of perennial foods and rich biodiversity in the form of fruit trees and bushes and native pollinator plants
- Researching options for a simple on-farm classroom structure with wash station

























