Go on a field trip with Amelia Bedelia!

About the Book

Amelia Bedelia and her classmates take a trip to Fairview Farm. They see real farmers and chickens and roosters, they milk cows, they have a picnic, and they even get to take home seeds to grow themselves. With all kinds of animals and new things to experience, Amelia Bedelia is sure to have a barrelful—or a barnful—of laughs!

Classroom Activities

Green Thumbs. Amelia Bedelia has a green thumb after her field trip to Fairview Farm, and your students can have green thumbs, too! As a class, start a school beautification project. Take a walk around school grounds and note different areas that could use new plants (and existing plants that could use a little help). Research and decide what plants thrive in your area’s climate and what plants would look nice around your school. Ask parents to donate plants or a small amount of money to buy plants, and have a planting day. Get the whole school involved if there’s a lot of work to be done!

Tasty Treat. Make this garden-themed snack with your class after a day at the farm or a lesson on plants (or any time at all!). You bring the supplies, and each student can assemble his or her own “Dirt Dessert.”

Supplies:
Chocolate cake  Gummy worms  Plastic spoons
Chocolate pudding  Plastic cups (or small flower pots)

Instructions:
Give each student a cup or flower pot, and put the three ingredients in three separate serving bowls that everyone can reach (the chocolate cake should be crumbled into the bowl). Have students layer the crumbled-up cake and the pudding in their cups to resemble dirt and mud, and then add gummy worms to top it all off.

Animal Kids. Amelia Bedelia’s class learns that baby goats are called kids. How many animal baby terms can your class come up with? Split your class into teams, and hold a contest to see which team can come up with more animal baby words in a given amount of time. You decide whether you want students to draw on the knowledge they already have, or whether they should have access to the library or the internet to make their lists. Once the competition is over, have the teams compare their lists and make a master list as a class.

Favorite Field Trip. After reading *Amelia Bedelia’s First Field Trip*, hold a class discussion about field trips. Talk about favorite sights, activities, and memories from trips you’ve taken together, and brainstorm trips you’d like to take in the future. In addition, brainstorm fundraising ideas to make trips more feasible for everyone.

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Amelia Bedelia is planting a seed. What will grow? Use your imagination and draw Amelia Bedelia’s plant here.
Amelia Bedelia thinks about the world in a unique way. If someone told Amelia Bedelia it was raining cats and dogs, what do you think she would imagine? Draw it here.