

Kindergarteners watch bulbs grow

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Courtesy

Students in Mrs. Martinez's KAOL kindergarten class show their narcissus bulbs three weeks after planting them.

Bradley, Dianne Riehle, Cindy Topper and Pattie Boyd, visited KAOL Primary with Nina Brackett to conduct the bulb planting lesson for all five kindergarten classrooms of 90 students.

The volunteers enjoyed sharing the love of gardening to a new generation at the school.

Those interested in the Mohave County School Gardening Program can contact Brackett at (928) 753-3788 or via e-mail at ninab@cals.arizona.edu.

KINGMAN - Ag-in-the-Classroom is expanding with hands-on education to both pre-school and kindergarten students at Kingman Academy of Learning Primary School.

The Mohave County School Gardening Program is funded by the [University of Arizona](#), Mohave County Cooperative Extension Office and the Mohave County School Superintendent's Office, to integrate hands-on learning into any classroom and compliment subjects including science, math, language arts, social studies and art.

In February, KAOL kindergarten students took part in the lesson on "What a plant needs to grow?" Students were asked to think of the basic six elements: Seed, Soil/Nutrients, Water, Air, Sun, Care/Attention. The students then made a bead bracelet with seven color beads representing each element.

The hands-on learning continued with planting of a paperwhite narcissus bulb, where the students would observe and care for the bulbs until they blossom in three to four weeks.

Volunteers from the Mohave County Master Gardener and the Kingman Cerbat Garden Club, including Sandie Womack, Sally