See Our Progress

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My school was on the news last week. We had made a big change in our

community. We had planted a big garden where there had been a vacant lot.

 I learned a lot about television news. First, our principal called the TV

station. She told them what we were doing. She talked with a producer. That is a

person who sends reporters to do stories.

 The producer checked with the director. He said there were lots of stories

like this, so he wanted to know what was special about our garden.

 The principal explained that we had made a prairie garden. She told how we

had gone on the Internet to learn about the prairie. Then we had gone to a prairie

and gotten seeds. We got the seeds from the plants. Then we planted them. We

did not water the garden, but we did weed it. We let nature water it with rain

because that was how prairies grew in the past. We sent a picture of the garden. In

the picture the grass was so high it was taller than the fourth grade students.

 The director thought this was interesting. It was not just a garden. It was a

history lesson. It was a science lesson, too. So they sent a reporter. A camera man

came, too.

 They interviewed the principal. They asked questions about the garden.

Then they interviewed us. We told what we had learned. They interviewed a

person on the street, too. They asked what he thought about the garden.

 They were at our school for two hours. We were excited. Then that night we

watched the news. There we were. They told our story. It was only two minutes

long. But it was us. We were famous.