

Winnebago-Boone **AGRICULTURE** **in the ClassroomSM**

Winter/Spring Preschool Newsletter

January, 2017

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) is a nationwide educational program. Its' goal is to help students, teachers, and the general public gain a greater awareness of the role agriculture plays in the economy and society. Thousands of farm products are in the world around us: on our plate, in the clothes we wear, in the medicine that makes us well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics. The AIRC program provides educational programs for students to learn about agriculture through hands-on activities. Ag in the Classroom is offered locally through the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. A list of "in-school field trips" are listed in this flier and available at ***no charge*** to schools.

Programs are given by the
Ag Literacy Coordinator or
Ag Educator. AIRC will bring
all necessary materials and
provide teaching time, visual
aids, and hands on activities
for your students. Most
programs leave behind
materials for teachers to use
for continued learning.

January

Farmers...Football...Fun!

As the Super Bowl hype ramps up during January, students will learn how agriculture plays a huge role in the game of football and the party foods we enjoy! Students will learn about dairy, hogs, cotton, wheat, corn, and veggies. A football craft is included. Duration: 45 minutes.



February

Candy Creations!

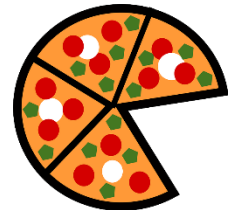


Celebrate Valentine's Day with a lesson about candy and how farmers raise the ingredients that go into candy making! What a yummy thought! During the program, the class will make Tootsie Rolls and enjoy them as a treat! Duration: 45 minutes.

March

Pondering Pizza: A Slice of Agriculture

Students will learn how all the ingredients on a pizza begin on a farm! Students will learn about dairy, pork, wheat, and veggies! For an activity, they will make personal paper pizzas to take home. Duration: 45 minutes



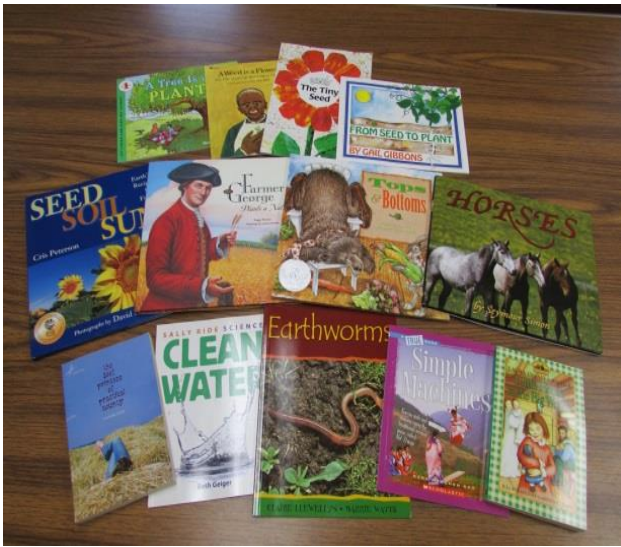
April and May

Gardening Greatness

Students will learn first-hand about plant germination and growth while they plant seeds and watch them grow! Students will plant a "garden house" as hands-on activity. They will explore tomatoes and peppers and learn how farmers grow their favorite veggies! Duration: 45 minutes



Ag in the Classroom Library

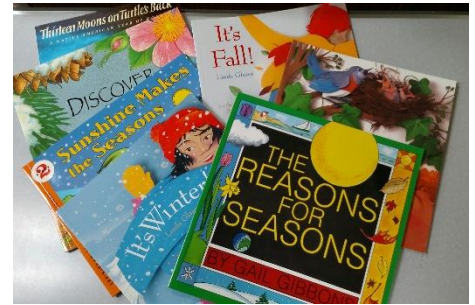


The Ag in the Classroom library is available for use by area teachers. All books are agriculturally related, and will help add depth to your classroom curriculum. There is a full list of AITC books on our website at winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org. You can contact AITC at (815) 962-0653 or by email at wbfbaic@live.com. Please take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your classroom curriculum.

What else is offered through Ag in the Classroom?

Agri-Learning Kits:

Ag in the Classroom has Agri-Learning Kits available for teachers to check out and use in their classrooms at your leisure. These kits are best suited for students in PreK-3rd grade. Agri-Learning kits include teacher's guides, books, videos, visuals, and hands on activities for students. A few of the kits we have available are: Seasons on the Farm, Pondering Pizza: A Slice of Agriculture, Getting to the Core: Apples and Orchards, and many more!



Thank You to the Schools We Visited During the Fall Semester!

Westview School, Rockford
Immanuel Lutheran, Belvidere
Lincoln Elementary, Belvidere
Poplar Grove Elementary
Rolling Green Elementary
McNair Elementary, Winnebago
Gregory Elementary, Rockford
Hillman School, Rockford
Washington Academy
Caledonia Elementary
Nelson School
Ralston Elementary

Simon School, Winnebago
Kishwaukee Elementary
Shirland School
Capron Elementary
Keith Country Day School
RESA, Rockford
Summerdale
Durand Elementary
Welsh Elementary
Carlson Elementary
Stone Creek, Roscoe
White Swan Elementary

Rockton Grade School
Washington Elementary, Belvidere
Durand Elementary
Manchester School
Pecatonica Elementary
Froberg Elementary, Rockford
North Boone Upper Elementary
Olson Park Elementary
North Boone Middle School
Marquette Elementary
Machesney Park Elementary

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