

Pre-School & Kindergarten Teacher Newsletter

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Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) is a statewide educational program. The goal of AITC is to help students and teachers gain a greater awareness of the role agriculture plays in our economy and society.

Our classes include a teaching time followed by a hands-on activity for the students. The programs run approximately 20-30 minutes in length.

Teachers may sign up for programs via Jot Forms. A link will be emailed to the teacher to reserve a date and time. If you do not currently receive our emails, please send a request to wbfbaitc@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org to be added to our mailings. For more information or questions regarding the program, contact Diane Cleland at 815-962-0653 or email wbfbaitc@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org





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September Program

Amazing Apples!



Students will learn about apples: apple development, trees, and changes that happen throughout the seasons. It's a great way to celebrate fall apple picking season. Students will make an apple craft to show what they learned.

October Program

Popular Pumpkins!

Did you know that Illinois is the #1 state for growing pumpkins? Students will learn about the pumpkin life cycle and how farmers grow the traditional symbol of fall. Students will make a pumpkin craft to show what they learned.



November Program

Turkey Talk!

Students will learn about turkey farming and how turkeys are the traditional holiday food. They will learn what the birds eat, how they hatch

from eggs, and how their feathers protect them. In person students will do a turkey craft to reinforce what they learned.



December Program

Jolly Ol' Evergreen Trees!

Tree farmers have a lot of work to do year-round, not just in December! Students will learn about the life cycle of coniferous trees and what happens on a tree farm. Students will make an evergreen craft.



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