

A photograph of a wheat field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. Several wheat stalks are in the foreground, some in sharp focus and others blurred. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue.

PROGRAM BOOK

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

MARSHALL- PUTNAM

2021-2022

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Welcome to the 2021 -2022 school year! The University of Illinois Extension Marshall-Putnam Ag in the Classroom Program would like to reach your classroom! AITC supplies resource materials and assistance to educators in ways that help them incorporate agriculture into their daily studies. There are two programs a month to choose from and more classroom favorites offered as requested. Most lessons last about 30-45 minutes and are hands-on.

We understand this is another strange year and rules/regulations are ever-changing. If being in your classroom with minimal contact is not an option I can: pre-record zoom lessons, live zoom, or drop these off at your school as individual "Ag-Bags" with all the supplies needed to teach your classroom! AITC is flexible in order to meet the needs of its educators!

All of our kits, materials, and resources are available at no charge. We hope to supplement your curriculum and be a partner to you in your classroom. Be sure to check the AITC emails that I send to learn about what is being offered. If you have an interest in any special agriculture topic that you would like your class to learn, please feel free to communicate with me. I will do my best to find something that fits your needs! I wish each of you an uplifting year in such a difficult time!

Samantha Smoode
M-P AG in the Classroom Coordinator

Ag Mags

Apple - Beef - Corn- Dairy -
Horse - Illinois History -
Nutrition
Pizza - Pollinator - Pork -
Poultry - Pumpkin - Seasons -
Soil - Soybean
Urban - Water - Wheat

Ag Mags are 4-page, colorful agricultural magazines for kids. They contain information about agriculture, bright pictures, classroom activities and agricultural careers. Ag Mags come in classroom packs of 30 and are free to all Illinois teachers. Contact your County Ag Literacy Coordinator or County Farm Bureau office to order yours today!

mAGic Kits:

- Machines
- Illinois
- Insect
- Dairy
- Plants

The curriculum in the mAGic kits are multidisciplinary, all-inclusive, and designed to bring agriculture to life in your classroom. The mAGic kits address Illinois Learning Standards in math, science, English language arts, and social studies. 2 week check out.

Year long Programs:

- Adopt-a-Calf- allows classes to "adopt" a calf from one of our farmers, name it, and receive monthly pictures, updates, and mini fun lessons! Date to be announced
- Seasonal Snacks- Receive a fun mini-lesson every month of a seasonal snack and activities to share with your classroom!

AITC Classroom Favorites:

- *Available programs all year per request
- Soil Sammy-Watch the grass grow from sams head
- Glycerin Bubbles- Students make their own bubble mix
- Soil Particles- Mix soil and water in a mason jar watch the three types separate and record!
- Terrariums- Watch plants grow and record what happens
- Pizza in the Classroom- Learn where all the ingredients in your pizza come from!
- Careers in Agriculture- Students learn all the possibilities in the Ag Industry

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AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

PRE-K THROUGH 5TH

*tailored to each grade level

SEPTEMBER		Super Soybean	Students get a better understanding of the plant, its life cycle, and make a garden in a glove and watch and record your soybeans grow!
OCTOBER		From Seed to tree Whats Inside my Pumpkins	Students will make an apple chain demonstrating the life cycle, then taste test some different varieties. Students will make a craft as they discover what is inside a pumpkin and how they grow!
NOVEMBER		Turkey Time Gifts of Gold	Learn how turkeys are raised and make a pinecone turkey to take home! Students will learn the different types of corn with a craft
DECEMBER		Cristmas Trees	Students will better understand the work behind a christmas tree. Feel and smell different varieties and make a craft!
JANUARY		Snowflake Science Sweater Weather	Students learn how snowflakes form and make their own design with puffy paint or pipe cleaner Students learn the life cycle of the cotton plant and how it is formed into a sweater, with a cotton ball craft!
FEBRUARY		Beef By-Products L is for Lincoln	Learn the important role cattle have in our industry and the by-products they give us. Then play Beef Bingo. Students will learn the importance Lincoln had in our Ag industry. Then make your own "Penny President"!
MARCH		Soil horizons Water Cycle	Students learn the layers of soil and the important role they have. Then make their own edible soil profile. Students will learn the water cycle and record it in action with a water cycle bag!
APRIL		Embryology In The Classroom Earth Day	During the 21-day incubation period, students learn the life cycle of chicks and watch them!  *limited incubators! first come first serve. Learn the importance of recycling. Along with an outdoor scavenger hunt and make a seed bomb from recycled paper!
MAY		Sunflower Summer Pollinator Power	Students will learn about the growth and development of sunflowers, how seeds are used, and make a paper plate sunflower illustrating the life cycle of the sunflower. Students learn what pollinators are and their important role. Show how pollination works with an activity
JUNE		Summer Programming Starts!	

All programs are subject to change due to COVID

If you would like your class to have a different lesson/craft based around the same monthly theme please let me know in advance!

PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

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School _____

Grade _____

Teacher(s) _____

Email(s) _____

I am available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Mornings.

Program(s) Desired:

Desired Dates

****We will finalize the dates via email. I will try to fit everyone to their desired dates as much as possible!!**

What day(s) of the week DO NOT for you?

Total # Students _____

Female _____

Special needs of any students?

Male _____

Notes from Teacher: