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Agriculture in the Classroom

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Hello July!

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far (in between rain showers). It doesn't seem possible that July is here already.

We are busy making plans for the upcoming school year. Those that signed up for monthly programming will be receiving an email regarding dates and times the first half of August. If you would like to be added to the waitlist for monthly programming, please reach out and I will get you on the list. As always, don't be afraid to reach out to request visits as the need arises during the school year.

As you are also planning, we would be happy to help you find resources. Just shoot us a message and we can compile a list of resources to help meet your needs.

Wishing you a month filled with sunshine, relaxation and fun!

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HAPPY
4th of
July

July Featured Resources

Click on the resource to go directly there!

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation

- [We All Scream for Ice Cream! \(PK-2nd\)](#)
- [My Family's Wind Farm Book](#)

National Agriculture in the Classroom

- [Populations \(9th-12th\)](#)
- [Water Supply \(3rd-5th\)](#)



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What's Inside:

- Virtual National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference
- Now is a Perfect Time to Apply for Grants
- Agriculture in the Classroom Resources

Virtual National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference Being Offered

Date: July 18, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:45 PM Central

Cost: Free

The National Agriculture in the Classroom organization is excited to bring you the virtual edition of their annual conference. Here are the key highlights:

Registration: Educators can register for the conference on the official registration page. Secure your spot and join fellow educators passionate about agricultural literacy.

Agenda:

- Engaging workshops tailored for elementary, middle school, and high school educators.
- Insights from industry experts on integrating agriculture into the curriculum.

Why Attend?

- Discover innovative teaching resources related to agriculture.
- Connect with like-minded educators and share best practices.
- Gain practical ideas for incorporating agriculture into your classroom.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your teaching skills and inspire students through agriculture! For more details, visit the National Agriculture in the Classroom website.



Now is the Perfect Time to Apply for Grants

Did you know that the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation (IALF) has a great listing of grants available to classroom teachers? From gardens to aquaponics to general classroom supplies and materials that implement agricultural literacy, there is a grant to meet just about every need.

IALF updates this list often so make sure you check back.

Find the whole listing of grants by going to <https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/tools-resources/general/grants>.





Agriculture in the Classroom Resources

- **FarmChat:** Bring the farm to the classroom! Using technology such as Skype, Google Hangouts, and Face Time, take a virtual field trip of a modern farm or other agriculture business without having to worry about weather and transportation.
- **Teacher Supplement Grants:** The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation offers grants up to \$200 to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction or after school programs with an academic focus. Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Supplement Grants are designed to initiate new projects or expand existing projects that promote agriculture literacy. Grants can be used to fund innovative lessons, activities, classroom resources, guest speakers, outreach programs, field trips and other projects. Applications are available in the fall.
- **Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation:** Looking for some great hands-on lessons? Books? Kits? Then Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation is the answer. Their lessons are tied into the Iowa CORE and they have an expansive lending library of DVDs, books and kits that are available for check-out. They also offer links to grants and other publications. Check them out at www.iowaagliteracy.org
- **National Agriculture in the Classroom:** This site offers a MASSIVE collection of lesson plans, multimedia links, book recommendations, and activities that you can adapt for your classroom. You can find them at www.agclassroom.org
- **Classroom Visits:** We would love to come in and do an interactive lesson with your students. All visits are **FREE** of cost to you and your school. We have volunteers who enjoy coming in and teaching real-life applications of what they are learning in the classroom. We can create lessons to correlate what students are learning in the classroom as well.
- **Website:** Your go-to source for links, upcoming events, information and much more! Find us at <https://dubuqueaitc.weebly.com/>

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**We are here as a tool to serve you anyway we can. We are available
to all grade levels & subject areas for schools in Dubuque County.**