

Kindergarten

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Teacher Toolkit



Agriculture in the Classroom Champions

Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) will recognize teachers as a Nebraska AITC Champion when they participate with AITC programs and resources. Teachers will be awarded free classroom resources and promotional items including shirts, amazon gift cards, books, and more!



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How To Participate:

Stamp seven items on the right to enter to win. The first 50 teachers to submit the online form with seven completed stops by April 15th will win prizes!

www.nefbfoundation.org/aitcchampions



KINDERGARTEN PASSPORT

Stamp your passport

☐ CLASSROOM VISIT:
FOUND ON THE FARM

☐ IMPLEMENT THE
LITERATURE GUIDE:
APPLE ORCHARD RIDDLE

☐ CLASSROOM VISIT:
CLICK CLACK MOO

☐ ENGAGE STUDENTS
WITH APPLE READER

☐ CLASSROOM VISIT:
APPLES INSIDE
AND OUT

☐ IMPLEMENT A LESSON
PLAN FROM THE
CURRICULUM MATRIX

☐ CLASSROOM VISIT:
CORN CASTLES

☐ FOLLOW NEBRASKA FARM
BUREAU FOUNDATION ON
A SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL

☐ IMPLEMENT THE LITERATURE
GUIDE: SEED, SOIL, SUN:
EARTH'S RECIPE FOR FOOD

☐ PARTICIPATE IN THE AG
PEN PAL PROGRAM

☐ CLASSROOM VISIT
REFERRAL — CHECK OFF
WHEN THEY SIGN UP

Where do I Start?

Begin to build your Nebraska AITC Teacher Toolkit with these kindergarten specific ideas. From resources to lesson plans to in-person opportunities, you can find the right fit for your classroom. Visit www.nefbfoundation.org to access these resources.



Follow us on Facebook to get information on our resources, scholarships, grants, and events.

www.facebook.com/neagfoundation



Between the Rows

Subscribe to the monthly Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom newsletter to receive program updates, classroom grant opportunities, lesson ideas, and so much more!



Ag Pen Pal Program

Connect with a farmer or rancher by exchanging three letters during the school year. Learn about natural resources, seasons, nutrition, communities, the environment, weather, and the culture of Nebraska. The program begins September 1, and sign up opens April 1 of each year.



Classroom Visit

Participate in a grade-specific, hands-on lesson with a Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom professional educator. Each lesson is aligned with Nebraska State Education Standards and takes students on an exploration of Nebraska integrating classroom topics and agriculture. We recommend starting with the lesson, *Apples Inside & Out*. Students will listen to a sweet story, create their own apple to hang on a class apple tree, and use their five senses to learn about apple nutrition and parts of the fruit.



I'm Warming Up

Continue building your Nebraska AITC involvement by growing your toolkit with these kindergarten specific opportunities.



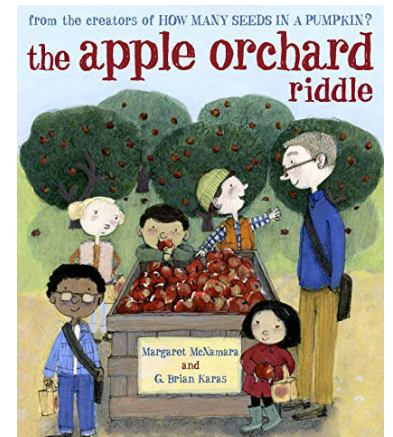
Classroom Visit

Invite an education specialist back to your classroom for your second Classroom Visit! Select from lessons like *Milk or Meat?* or *Down on the Farm* to engage students through different agriculture topics and content areas.



Literature Guides

Each guide introduces a beautiful, imaginative, lively picture book and is accompanied by language arts lessons. AITC recommends the guide and book, *The Apple Orchard Riddle* by Margaret McNamara. Students will explore adjectives and personality traits and then portray those traits in a play-acting activity with scenes from the book.



Supplemental Materials

Request FREE A to Z posters by emailing foundationforag@nefb.org.



Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation Field Trip Grant

Apply to receive funding for entry fees and/or transportation fees to travel to a working farm or ranch to view modern day agriculture. Field trips must be completed between October 1 and June 1. The application opens in September and remains open until all annual funding is awarded.



I'm All In

Now that you're hooked on AITC resources, continue to build your toolkit with grade-specific lessons and connect with educators across the state and nation to find additional ways to bring agriculture to life in your classroom.



Are you looking for even more ways to get involved?

Contact Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation at foundationforag@nefb.org with questions to grow your AITC Teacher Toolkit.



Instructional Materials

Engage students in activities that align to standards and explore teaching themes such as inquiry-based learning and three-dimensional learning. Use the Curriculum Matrix to find lessons on specific topics and themes for your classroom.



Nebraska Teacher Engagement

Throughout the year, find Nebraska AITC educators at conferences or attend an online or in-person AITC hosted professional development event. This is an opportunity to obtain free resources and develop strategies for embedding authentic agriculture examples into curriculum. Learn more about upcoming workshops online, or contact the Foundation to host an event at your school!



National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

Join educators from across the nation to learn how to use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and more at the annual national convention. Explore agriculture across the country as the conference has a new location each year.

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Agriculture in the Classroom® is a program coordinated by the National Agriculture in the Classroom organization or program. Its goal is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. The program is carried out in each state, according to state needs and interests, by individuals representing farm organizations, agribusiness, education, and government.

Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) is a statewide program that helps PreK-12 grade students and teachers develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is their source of life's necessities. AITC has a long history of creating resources tied to state education content standards to assist teachers and volunteers in connecting students to their source of food, fiber, and fuel – agriculture!



In Nebraska, the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation leads the Agriculture in the Classroom program.

The mission of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in the lives of all Nebraskans.

Learn more at www.nefbfoundation.org.



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Every year Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom reaches more than



30,000
students



600
teachers



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volunteers

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