

August 8, 2014

Dear Educator,

Madison County CAREE/Ag in the Classroom offers a fourth grade program called "Land of Illinois" which introduces students to the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives. The goal is for students to better understand the importance of agriculture, especially in Illinois. The "Land of Illinois" is designed with a lesson during each quarter. Each lesson will include a presentation and hands-on project.

~First lesson-students learn about the glaciers and prairie grass that once covered Illinois, which helped give Illinois rich soil. At the end of the lesson students make an Illinois agriculture charm bag. Students will place different items in their bags that represent Illinois state symbols.

~Second lesson-students learn about the life cycle of corn, wheat and soybeans. Corn is used to make plastic and soybeans are used to make ink, which many newspapers print with. At the end of the lesson students will get to watch their own corn seed germinate.

~Third lesson-students learn about livestock animals and the many by-products provided besides food. For example: glass, medicines, chalk, buttons and plastics. Animal nutrition will be discussed. Students will assemble an edible feed bag.

~Fourth lesson-students learn about different types of technology that has improved agriculture throughout the years, starting with the cotton gin and ending with GPS. Students will to play a review game of Agricultural Bingo.

To sign up for this program, complete the attached sheet. Call with any questions and good luck with the new school year.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Reeves
CAREE/Ag in the Classroom Coordinator



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