

2009 AITC Teacher Mini-Grant Recipients

Amy Dirksen, 1st-2nd Grades, St. Peter Lutheran School, Schofield – Awarded \$100 for “Food in Flight” project which introduces live butterflies in her classroom. Dirksen will teach about the important part they play in pollinating plants.

Anne Holewinski-Zernicke- 2nd- 5th Grades- Baird Elementary School, Green Bay – Awarded \$100 for “PALS Activities” which allows high school PALS to serve as mentors for younger students. The PALS program increases student awareness of agricultural production, and the many jobs associated with agriculture.

Glenda Crook – K-2nd and 9-12th Grades – Lodi High School, Lodi – Awarded \$100 for “National Agriculture Week Ag Literacy Program”. The project will educate all Lodi K-2 grade students about agricultural life, products and careers. The programs will be presented by 9-12 grade agriculture education students during National Agriculture Week.

Janella Mader- 3-4 year old Pre-school – St. Mary Catholic School, Hilbert- Awarded \$63 to purchase “Addressing Early Misconceptions about Agriculture” which has activities that will address common misconceptions about agriculture in early elementary grades. The resource was produced by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Jeff Ostheimer- 7-12th Grades- Boscobel High School, Boscobel- Awarded \$100 for “Forest Education” which will create learning tubs for all teachers that they can use during instruction about their school forest. The tubs will have scientific equipment, educational materials and lessons about forests.

Jim Favreau – 7-12th Grades- Ithaca High School, Richland Center- Awarded \$100 for “Bulldog Worm Café” which originated in the Advanced Greenhouse Management Class where his students had become interested in vermiculture and composting vegetable crops. His high school students will work with the elementary students to teach them about composting and worm farming.

Jody Wolski- 4th Grade- Tiffany Creek Elementary School, Boyceville – Awarded \$100 for “Wisconsin Agriculture and You” that will compile new resources about Wisconsin pork and beef production. A collection of videos and other resources will be used in conjunction with a field trip to an ethanol plant.

Keven Busse- 4-12th Grades- Omro School District, Omro – Awarded \$100 for the “Omro FFA Food for America Project” which involves high school students teaching elementary students about dairy products, nutrition, agricultural careers, and where food comes from. The project also involves a field trip to a farm.

Lisa Konkel- 4th, 9-12th Grades- Big Foot High School, Walworth- Awarded \$100 for the “PALS- The Miracle of Hatching” project which will allow the FFA members to work with 4th grade students on a quail hatching project. Funds will be used to purchase a larger incubator that can be used to incubation and chick development.

Lisa Mader- 4K Grade- Tanner Elementary School, Kaukauna - Awarded \$63 to purchase “Addressing Early Misconceptions about Agriculture” which has activities that will address common misconceptions about agriculture in early elementary grades. The resource was produced by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Melanie Pierzchalski- Kindergarten – Howe Elementary School, Wisconsin Rapids – Awarded \$100 for “Promoting Wisconsin’s Dairy Best” which will allow students to compare dairy farming during different eras. Students will learn to make homemade ice cream, learn about the dairy industry and build a “milkable cow” from plywood.

Rhona Schuebel- 6-12th Grades- Clayton School District, Clayton – Awarded \$100 for a “Plant Tissue Culture” project which introduces plant tissue culture into the biotechnology curriculum. High school students will learn the procedures and then present their experiences to elementary students using the

Rick Henningfeld- 9-12th Grades- Big Foot High School, Walworth – Awarded \$73 for “Complete Composting” will allow students to construct an on-site composting site that will be used for both in and out of class activities. Working in conjunction with the school’s Environmental Club, kitchen staff, and school administration, they plan to have a vermicomposting display that will increase awareness with the entire school population.

Scott Huebner- 7-8th Grades- St. Peter Lutheran School, Schofield – Awarded \$100 for “Global Grub” which will allow students to create and share meals from native recipes, based on the resources available to their assigned lands. They will learn why people eat specific foods, based upon what resources are available them.

Terri Salzwedel- PreK- Kindergarten- St. Peter Lutheran School, Schofield - Awarded \$100 for “The Peep Center” which creates the beginning foundation of a learning center called “The Peep Center”. Her objective is to use the learning center each year, expand the activities and coordinate lessons with the hatching project conducted by the 3rd-4th grade students.

Vicki Eberhardt- 3rd-4th Grades- St. Peter Lutheran School, Schofield – Awarded \$100 for “Green Acres” in which students will begin an outdoor garden project. The project will include flowers and native Wisconsin plants. The project will also include units on the nutritional benefits of eating vegetables grown in the garden.