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hands on agriculture



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Special Event at Silt Wine Company

We had a great turnout on April 5 for our annual National Agriculture Week event held this year at Silt Wine Company. Mark your calendars for 2020. We'll be heading back to the venue on March 27, 2020 for another evening of fine food, fine wine and fine friends in support of agricultural education. [See more photos here.](#)



Silt Wine Company



Food, fun and friends supporting agriculture and education.



Teacher Feature

Jennifer Dobbie

Teaches: Sixth

School: Isbell Middle School

County: Ventura

How and when did you first learn of Ag in the Classroom?

When my Ag Club partner and I were researching resources for our club, we ran across Ag in the Classroom. We immediately applied to go to the Ag in the Classroom Conference.



What is your favorite AITC program/resource/event and why?

I *LOVED* going to the Ag in the Classroom Conference this past September. I received a lot of great information to share with my students. I was also inspired by all the amazing, enthusiastic educators around me!

Describe any agriculture-based projects you have been involved in lately.

With our Ag Club we are currently starting our spring planting which is preparing for our teacher community supported agriculture (CSA) that we will start in the late spring and continue when school begins in the fall. This program will be similar to the CSA model where our teachers will sign up for a subscription for a season and pay a fee and then we will provide them with a box of produce weekly or biweekly. The students are also interested in having a flower CSA where teachers will sign up for weekly fresh wild flowers for their desks. Students will use the money they have earned to put back into the garden. This is how we are teaching the students about the business end of agriculture. This is our current project that we are very excited about it. Part of the planting will also include lessons on eating seasonally and which vegetables, fruits and herbs grow best together and which cannot be in the same bed. Time in the soil starts deep conversations, great inquiry and builds positive relationships. Every teacher should give ag a try!



Featured Resource

Ag-Bites...

Ag-Bites are bite-sized activities for teachers and volunteers to bring agriculture into your classrooms and programs.

Ag-Bites

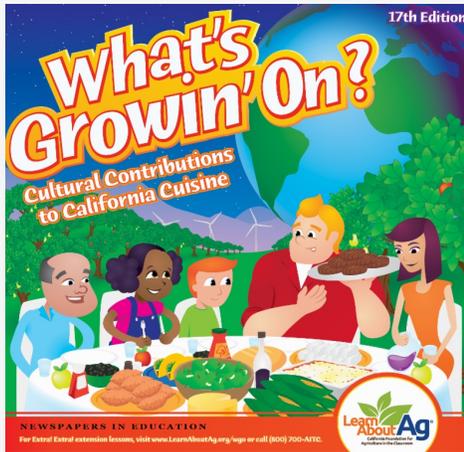
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