



LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District
1691 North 32st Road, Ottawa, Illinois 61350

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Hello 3rd Grade.

LaSalle County SWCD is offering free educational programs from now until the end of the school year. The programs offered are focused on soil and water conservation. All the supplies needed for the crafts and edible demonstrations are provided. A brief overview of the programs follows.

The **Soils Horizon** presentation will cover the important role that soil plays in our lives and how we are all connected to the soil. Soil formation and the materials that make up soil will be discussed. The lesson will conclude with the students creating their own edible soil horizon. If your school is a food free zone, please let me know. We can work around this with a nature craft. This program's length is approximately 1 hour.

Soil Jeopardy is a game that is made up of questions related to the soil. Basic facts about soil types, soil conservation, soil pollution and interesting information on soil make up the game. The game, depending on the students, can run from 45 minutes to an hour.

Soil and Worms is a presentation on worms and how they benefit the soil. This activity shows students the organisms that live in the soil. Students are given the opportunity to dig in soil to find what lives there. Worm facts and soil horizon explanation are also presented in this short half hour to 45-minute program.

Please call or email me with any questions. I am currently scheduling visits after the first of the year. I would enjoy sharing information on soils to your classroom.

Thank you.

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