



LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Hello 4th Grade.

LaSalle County SWCD will be 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 4th grade programs follows.

The **Enviroscape Model** demonstrates a watershed, containing houses, roads, a factory, golf course and a farm. The students add “pollutants” to these areas and can see how one’s actions on the land can affect the water of a community. Possible solutions for the problems are discussed and the activity is repeated to demonstrate a cleaner watershed. I will talk about the watershed that your school is part of. This program’s length is approximately one hour.

The **Tree Cookie** demonstration shows how trees grow and why leaves change color. I will bring examples of trees that are grown locally. I also talk about the importance of trees to the soil.

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

Add in a Craft: A craft can also be included to any of the presentation. This activity takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

I am currently scheduling class times for January. I would enjoy a visit to your classroom to share my water conservation knowledge! Please call or email me with any questions.

Thank you.

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