





All in For Ag Learning Experience

Designated pilot groups will test out one learning experience used in grades K-2 and one learning experience that is used in grades 3-5.

Band	Topics	Standard(s) Alignment	Question	Experience Link	Field Trip Options
K -2		2-LS2-2. Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.	Why might some plants yield more fruit than others?		Grade 2 Grade 2 Suggestions/Standards - Listed on TpT - Do Not Delete - Google Docs • Local Bee Hives • Beekeeper as a guest speaker • Local garden • Orchard • UK Arboretum • Nursery
3-5	Erosion	4-ESS2-1. Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.	plant winter	the Farm —	Grade 4 Suggestions/Standards - Listed on TpT - Do Not Delete - Google Docs Stream/river - Farm

Grade	Topics	Standard(s) Alignment	
K	Needs of Plants	K-ESS3-1. Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants or animals (including humans) and the places they live.	
	Weather	K-ESS3-2. Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather.*	
1	Daylight	1-ESS1-2. Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year.	
2	Seed Pollination	2-LS2-2. Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.*	
3	Life Cycles	3-LS1-1. Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death.	
	Reproduction	3-LS4-2. Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.	
4	Erosion	4-ESS2-1. Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.	
5	Food Web Protection of	5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.	
	Resources and Environment	5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about solutions individual communities use to protect the Earth's resources and environment. *	

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Lesson Snapshot

Grade 2: Pollination

Driving Question: How do bees help Kentucky farmers grow the fruit we eat?

2-LS2-2: Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.

Science and Engineering Practice	Disciplinary Core Idea	Crosscutting Concept
Developing and Using Models	LS2.A: Interdependent	Structure and Function
Develop a simple model	Relationships in Ecosystems	The shape and stability of
based on evidence to	Plants depend on animals	structures of natural and
represent a proposed object	for pollination or to move	designed objects are
or tool.	their seeds around.	related to their function(s).

A great Kentucky-based phenomenon that shows the importance of bee pollination is the role of bees in pollinating Kentucky wildflowers, crops, and fruits, such as apples, pumpkins, and clover. Kentucky's agriculture and natural ecosystems rely heavily on bees and other pollinators.

Engage (Launching the anchoring phenomenon) Spark curiosity about how bees help plants grow by pollinating blossoms.

Phenomenon: Show a <u>video</u> or images of bees pollinating flowers in an apple orchard. As the students watch, have them record what they notice and what they wonder from the video. Share these out after the video.

Teacher Questions for Discussion:

- o "What do you think the bees are doing in these flowers?"
- o "Why are bees important to plants like apples?"
- o "What would happen if bees weren't around to help pollinate flowers?"



Questions?

