

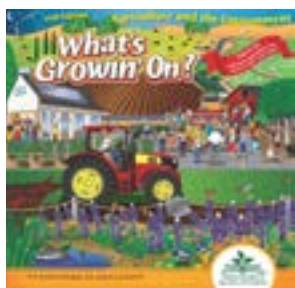
Hello Spring!

NIE Newsletter / April 2017

Hello Teachers!

Happy Spring! We hope that you are enjoying the new season -- and hoping that the sun will continue to shine! Here is some NIE news & information to share with your students.

What's Groin' On? Special Supplement



The 2017 What's Growin' On? supplement is now available to download on our [site](#). This year's theme focuses on "California's Agriculture and the Environment" and will teach students about the close connection between how food is grown, how farms are sustainable and the role we all have in taking care of the environment. This is geared towards 3-8 graders. Thanks to the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom for sponsoring this educational supplement.

Water Spots Video Contest - Top 10 Finalists Announced!



This year we received over 100 videos from students around the Sacramento Region! The top 10 have been selected and winners will be announced on April 23 before the River Cats game at Raley Field. Find our more [here](#).

End of Year Order Verification

Just a reminder, we will be sending out emails in mid- April to collect your NIE order verification. This is standard practice and is required for our internal audit. Be sure the check your mail and spam folder for this important document. It will come from sshah@sacbee.com via Firefly Marketing. Please be sure to open the email, review and electronically approve as soon as possible as it is required that we have a 100% response rate.

California Central Valley Spelling Bee



On March 1, 2017 we crowned our 2017 California Central Valley Spelling Bee champ - Samhita Kumar, a 6th grader from Winston Churchill Middle School in Carmichael, will be headed to the Scripps National Spelling Bee to represent our area in May. Congratulations Samhita -- we can't wait to see you in the National Bee!

NIE New Website Coming Soon!

We are in the process of updating our website. This should be complete sometime in April. We will have more resources, apps and videos to enhance your teaching and share with your students. For now, don't forget we have over 300 instructional resources from the NIE Institute -- check out the resources [here](#).

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Monthly Resources (click on [blue](#) word to download or be directed to resource)

NIE Instructional Calendar: April



The [calendar](#) provides a subject specific focus for each day of the week with activities for every school day of the month: Monday - Language Arts, Tuesday - Social Studies, Wednesday – Math, Thursday – Science, Friday - Thematic for each month with topics of Newspaper Knowledge, Character Education, Critical Thinking, Life Skills, Careers, and Moral Reasoning.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month



Teach teens about distracted driving - put safety first and #JustDrive. Technology allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts or emails and update social media while driving – all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic. Get the recourses [here](#).

Mathematics Awareness Month



Stem News: The [student magazine](#) and [teacher guide](#) from Kid Scoop teaches science in a new and engaging way. They even provide instructions so that students can slip on a lab coat and conduct the same kinds of experiments done at the U.S. Golf Association Test Center while gaining first-hand knowledge of careers that are more like a game than work!

National Poetry Month



Celebrate National Poetry Month with a wide variety of resources from [poets.org](#) including lesson plans, essays, and teach this poem. As well as, additional resources including read 'a poem a day' and '30 ways to celebrate'.

Financial Literacy Month



Be Money Smart, [student supplement](#) and [teacher guide](#) are published by Junior Achievement (JA), with support from the Allstate Foundation, educates young people on how to prepare for their financial future.

Earth Day, April 22



Celebrate our precious Earth on Earth Day! This supplement, [A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change](#), will help students learn the basics about climate and climate change, understand the impacts on our earth, learn how scientist explore climate issues and help them be part of the solution.