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Dear Teachers:

Your local Soil and Water Conservation District is celebrating Natural Resources Conservation Week with activities for all ages. This year's theme is "Water Wise."

Water is vital to our life. Water makes up more than 60% of our body, and about 75% of our brain. Water helps make possible our every movement, thought, and feeling.

All our food and most other products we use require water. It takes about 4,000 gallons of water to grow a bushel of corn, and about 11,000 gallons for a bushel of wheat.

We sometimes take water for granted. But this precious resource may become increasingly scarce as we place more demands on fresh water supplies.

To ensure future water supplies, we need to learn about water resources, and plan to use them carefully. To help achieve this goal, Virginia has chosen "Water Wise" as the theme for the 2006 Soil and Water Stewardship Week celebration.

Join us as we help share with friends, neighbors, colleagues, and children the very important reasons we all need to be "Water Wise."

The federal, state and local partnership of natural resource agencies are entrusted with helping citizens enjoy and properly use our natural resources. Since today's students will make tomorrow's conservation decisions, we want them to be educated, concerned and pro-active in their choices.

Enclosed are classroom activities that will be an educational and enjoyable way for your students to learn the importance of soils and the role conservation plays in the availability of food for our future. These activities have been correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning.

Your local SWCD also has videos, posters, booklets, and games that teach conservation concepts. District staff and the conservation partners can assist with presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Please contact the District Office and let us know how we can be a resource for you.

Sincerely,

District Contact Person