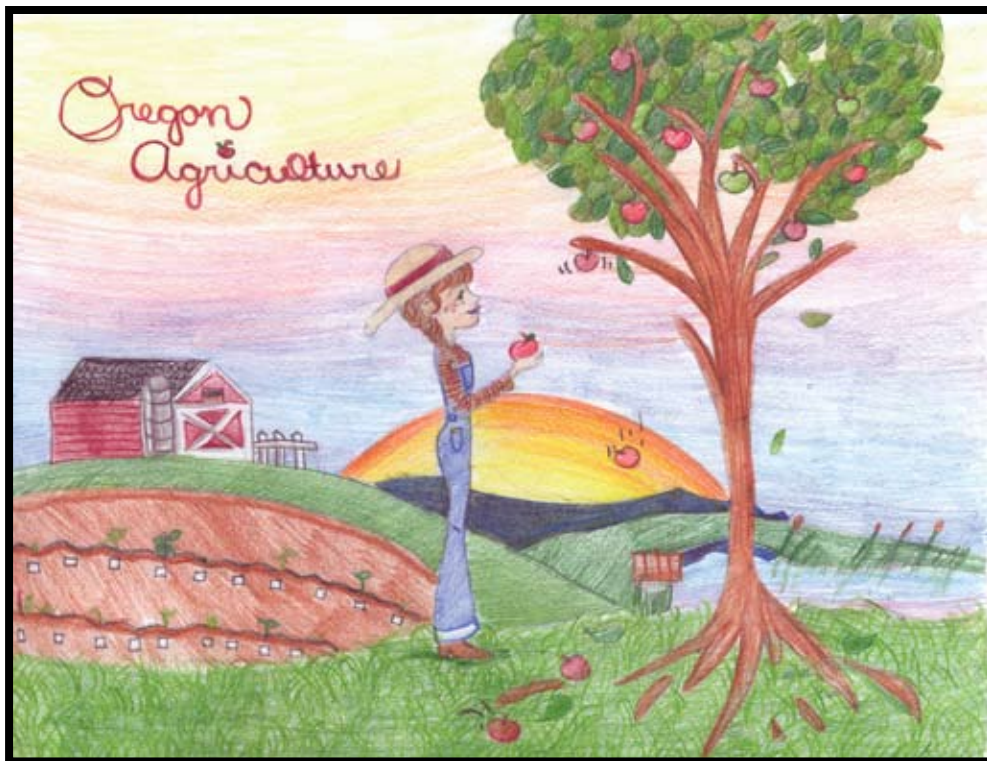




Inspiration for Growing Minds





Cover Art Winner: Brandlyn H., 5th Grade
Portland Christian, Portland
Teachers - Miss Thomas & Mrs. Gunstone

AITC's Annual Calendar Contest

This year's winning artwork was chosen from a field of 1,629 entries from 25 Oregon counties. Every student who enters the contest receives a personalized certificate of participation. The 13 winner's have their artwork featured in the calendar, on AITC's web site, plus they receive a \$50 savings bond. There are also 40 honorable mention art pieces that are posted on the AITC web site - <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>.

Join in the excitement! Enter next year's calendar contest!
Deadline May 15, 2010

It is easy to enter the AITC Calendar Contest and it is a great classroom activity. Open to students in K-6 grade. The theme for the artwork is Oregon's Agriculture and remember **be creative and use lots of color on your original artwork.**

Size: 8 ½ x 11 inches, horizontal layout only.

Media: Paints, markers, crayons, colored pencils, no three dimensional pieces.

For full details see the AITC web site.

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC)

AITC Mission: "We are dedicated to helping children grow in their knowledge of agriculture, the environment and natural resources for the benefit of Oregonians today and in the future."

AITC materials are available free of charge to Oregon K-12 teachers. We invite you to discover our resources, ripe for the picking, at <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>.



- **FREE-loan library** with a host of materials (DVDs, books, lesson plans, activities) on animals, conservation and natural resources, food and nutrition and plants.
- **Downloadable hands-on lessons, activities, and curriculum** that meet standards.
- Sign up for our **free teacher resource newsletter** to keep up to date on events and teaching materials. The mailing list is strictly confidential and never shared.
- **Spring AITC Literacy Project** - view book, activities on-line.

Why Agriculture is Perfect for the Classroom

Since all students eat food and wear clothing, one natural connection between academic education and the real world is agriculture. Agriculture encompasses not only food and fiber, but also farming and ranching, fisheries, forestry, and flowers.

Agriculture is an important industry in the United States and in Oregon. As rural areas become increasingly urbanized, and new challenges face the planet's growing population and limited resources, it is vital to educate students about the role agriculture and the environment plays in their future.

