



Ag In The Classroom BOOK OF THE MONTH

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It's been millions of years since this dinosaur has been so excited. There's a girl – a curious girl – exploring the land right where he used to live! Will she be the one to find the clues he left millions of years ago? Could she be the one to bring his story back to life?! This lyrical picture book captures the vastness of geologic time while also showing how close the traces of the distant past can be – as long as we are curious enough to look.

The Georgia Library Summer Reading Program theme for 2026 is Unearth a Story: Dinosaurs/Archaeology/Paleontology. Use this book at your libraries this summer to teach about gardening and composting!

Fun Facts:

- Georgia ranks #2 in the nation in cantaloupes and watermelons, #3 in the nation in bell peppers and peaches, and #4 in the nation in blueberries and cucumbers.
- Georgia's climate is humid and subtropical, meaning warm summers and mild winters – great for gardening!
- The state has different planting zones (6b to 9a), which determine the best plants for each area. Find your zone here.
- The famous Georgia red clay is rich in iron but needs to be mixed with compost for the best plant growth.
- Georgia is home to over 500 species of native bees, including bumblebees, mason bees, carpenter bees, sweat bees, and leafcutter bees. These bees play a vital role in pollinating gardens, farms, and wildflowers, helping plants grow and thrive across the state!

Videos:

- AgVentures: *Buffalo Creek Garden in Carroll County*
- AgVentures: *Arena Acres in Houston County*
- Sesame Street: *Grover Talks About Plants*
- The Magic School Bus: *Spring Is Here! Goes to Seed*

Activities:

- Lesson: *Why People Need Plants for K-2*
- Lesson: *Vermicomposting for K-2*
- Lesson: *Vermicomposting for 3-5*
- Activity: *Construct a Compost Bottle*
- Activity: *Seed Ball Garden Activity*
- Activity: *Desktop Gardens*
- Activity: *Tops or Bottoms*
- Kit for Purchase: *Gardening in a Box*
- Snack: *Cantaloupe and Watermelon Smoothie*
- Snack: *Dried Strawberries*
- Snack: *Edible Compost*
- Snack: *Garden Trail Mix*
- Snack: *Dirt Cups with Gummy Worms*
- Snack: *Edible Soil Layers*
- Coloring Pages: *Garden | Vermicomposting*
- Bookmarks: *Garden | Worm*