

## Supervised Agriculture Experience

Dear Parents,

As part of the requirements for your child's Ag class your child will be required to do a project at home of their interest that relates to agriculture. This project needs to begin by **September 15<sup>th</sup>** and will continue until the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The second semester projects may be a continuation of first semester, however if starting a new project, the start date will be **Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** and due date is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

A **Supervised Agriculture Experience** or **SAE** program is the key component of agricultural education. While working on an SAE project students learn to apply the concepts and principles taught in their agricultural classes to real-world problems and scenarios. A student selects a SAE project based on their interest. Every student in Ag will be required to do an SAE project (which is a "learn by doing" project). There will be one SAE project per semester

The ideas for SAE's are endless and if your child is not sure what to do you can research SAE Ideas by going to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and typing in "SAE Ideas." This project does not have to be raising a farm animal or planting a garden – there are many ideas for kids who do not have the means to do these things. Please just try to make it interesting, fun and educational.

Please note, this project should last for the entire semester.

The project will consist of the following:

A notebook or folder to keep all the following information in:

1. A calendar journal – **written in at least 2 times per week**. This can be done on regular notebook paper. Please remember to write in the dates.
2. A separate page listing *all materials* used throughout the project.
3. A separate page with a *budget or list showing all expenses*. For activities in which a profit/loss might occur, make sure all monies spent and earned are listed. \*This page may include the items on the expense sheet and any other supplies or materials that may be used.
4. A separate page with a list of any individuals who helped the student with their project. You must state at least a first name, your relationship to that person, and how each person helped.
5. A separate page for the *bibliography (or research)*. At least 3 references from books, the Internet, or personal interview with someone knowledgeable about your chosen project. All information that comes from research should be cited on a bibliography page.
6. A separate page with a short summary (at least **two** full paragraphs) that must include:
  1. What is the topic of your project?
  2. Why you chose this project.
  3. How did your project turn out?
  4. What did you learn doing this project?

Please remind your child to stay up to date with their documentation. You do not want them waiting until the last minute. Remember – this is your child's project and while they may need your help and advice at times it needs to be their work. **This will count for 30% of their Ag grade so make sure your child does this project.**

Thank you,  
Jim Payne