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It's strawberry time in New Jersey, one of the first signs of summer in the Garden State, soon to be followed by sweet corn, tomatoes, and all the Jersey favorites. We wish all of our state's teachers a happy and relaxing summer!

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## Lessons of the Month

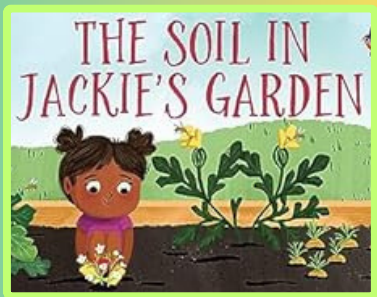


When was the last time your students put their hands in dirt? (Actually, farmers call it soil.) Celebrate summer by taking your students outside to explore the medium where their food grows. Start with our lesson

[Gardeners Plant in Soil Not Dirt.](#)  
Then make mudshakes to teach about the different types of soil and the best type of soil for plants to grow: [Making Mudshakes to Learn About Soil.](#)

## Library Corner

*The Soil in Jackie's Garden*  
By Peggy Thomas



This just-published book by one of our favorite authors of agricultural books for children follows Jackie as she learns to garden. She discovers plant life cycles, the importance of pollinators, and how to compost. But first, it all starts with the soil and the helpful creatures who live there.

## Teachers on the Beach!

Join us at the beach this summer to learn how to teach elementary students about climate change. NJ Ag in the Classroom will hold our Teachers on the Beach workshop for PreK-5 teachers on Wednesday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ocean Township.

Educators from NJAITC and SubjectToClimate will show you hands-on lessons to teach young children about climate change, including the impact of climate change on New Jersey farming and expressing feelings about climate change through art.



You will leave with a free climate change book, a packet of PreK-5 lessons, and loads of resources. Lunch will be served, and all participants will receive a beach pass and beach parking pass so you can head on out to the beach after the workshop!

Learn about climate change and enjoy the waves and sand at the Jersey shore! Click [here](#) for more info and to register.