

Dear Educator,

We are pleased to introduce you to a new and exciting program that we know your students will enjoy. Following, are six activities to incorporate the Go for the Gold program, developed especially for California students by the “California Grown” statewide education campaign along with the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Leveraging the popularity of gold medalist snowboarder and professional skateboarder Shaun White, we hope this poster and the corresponding classroom activities will get your students excited to learn! The purpose of these activities is to teach your students about California agriculture, the health and economic benefits of buying and eating locally grown products, and to instill pride in their agriculturally rich state.

The Go for the Gold program was written to meet national and state content standards including history-social science, science, and health for grades K-5. Your students will utilize critical thinking skills, analytical and map skills as part of six different classroom activities. Included you will find:

- **Six reproducible activities for the classroom**
- **Extensions and websites to expand on concepts**
- **Parent newsletter explaining the program and ways to extend the learning at home with the entire family**
- **Letter to the food service director to help involve the school cafeteria**

The activities are designed to be completed almost entirely in the classroom and can be implemented easily with little preparation. Each activity is formatted into four sections:

- **“Did You Know?”**- This section introduces the topic of the activity and includes relevant background information the student will need.
- **“Let’s Get Ready”**- This section includes preparation steps for the student.
- **“Get Busy”**- This section describes the activity and includes workspace for the student.
- **“Keep Going”**- This section contains at-home extensions and related websites.

Some of the activities will require students to continue to work at home and/or bring California grown products into the classroom. If this is not possible for your students, the lessons can be easily adjusted and completed entirely in the classroom. We are also sharing this information with parents and cafeteria staff so they are aware of the program and have the opportunity to get involved.

More information about the “California Grown” and Ag in the Classroom programs, including interactive activities, classroom ideas, lists of California grown products and much more can be found at www.californiagrown.org and www.cfaitc.org. You can also log on to find additional prep materials that will make it easy for you to start introducing these activities into your classroom.

We hope you will find this program to be educational and inspirational. Thank you for doing your part in supporting California grown products.

Sincerely,

The “California Grown” Campaign

