



Increasing STEM Literacy with Smithsonian Science Stories

FREE Classroom Books and Professional Development



Wednesday, April 9, 2025

4:00-5:30pm CDT

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Program Overview

The Smithsonian Science Education Center (SSEC), in partnership with the Aerospace Corporation, is offering 2nd Grade educators the opportunity to receive a **free classroom set** of standards-aligned Smithsonian Science Stories Grade 2 "Mapping Earth" readers by participating in virtual professional development.

Benefits To Participating in Professional Development:



FREE classroom set of Smithsonian Science Stories "Mapping Earth"



Special access to discussion questions and accompanying Science Challenge



Opportunity for classroom visits from Aerospace Corporation scientists and engineers



Continued support for integration of STEM literacy resources in the classroom

Smithsonian Science Stories Feature:



Lexile Scores for each reading



Stories highlighting STEM careers



Content from the Smithsonian collections

Participating Organizations



Smithsonian
Science Education Center

Smithsonian Science Education Center (SSEC)

Provider of Professional Development, science challenge, and distributor of Smithsonian Science Stories materials.

Transforms K-12 education through science. As a leader in science education reform for over 35 years, the SSEC has a long-standing history of serving schools, districts, states, and ministries of education throughout the world.



AEROSPACE

The Aerospace Corporation

Program funder and contributor to professional development.

The only federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) committed exclusively to the space enterprise, providing analysis and assessment across every discipline of space-related science and engineering.



Free 2 Teach

Distributor of free materials to teachers in Alabama.

Providing free school materials to public school teachers in Limestone and Madison counties in Alabama by mobilizing the community to ensure every child has access to an excellent education.

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