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Dear Elementary School Teachers:

Loudoun County 4-H will again offer the Embryology "Beginning of Life" program this spring. The project will start on **March 7**. Enclosed is all the information you will need to participate in this year's program.

Available to Teachers:

1. Seven to twelve fertile chicken eggs per teacher and/or incubator. (Quantity determined by style of incubator)
2. One leader guide per teacher.
3. A training session for teachers on February 6 from 3:30-5:00. The training will be held at LCPS Administration Building – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Learning Commons. **NOTE: It is mandatory that at least one teacher from each site attend this training. Please call if you have questions. Please sign up for the training at "My Learning Plan".**
4. Vocabulary Resources and Math Studies
5. Resource Websites

The Embryology project is a fun, educational tool that coincides with the Virginia Standards of Learning criteria. The Science example SOL matches science investigation, reasoning, and logic for all levels; and living processes for a variety of grades (specific codes available).

This year, the Extension Office will supply a Ziploc bag of chick feed with eggs to prevent the purchase of large quantities that might go to waste.

To register, please indicate what items you will need on the enclosed registration form and return to the Loudoun Cooperative Extension **by February 17. This is a hard deadline, so late orders WILL NOT be accepted.** A group enrollment form must be completely and accurately filled out in order to register your classroom for this activity and to receive information and eggs. You may **FAX** the registration form to us at (703) 771-5844, if you prefer.

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Directions for the Enrollment: One form for each grade level at your school. Each grade level should include 1) all teachers participating in that grade, 2) all students by gender, grade level, race info (A=B=C). Demographic data is only used for reporting to the U.S.D.A.

Eggs will be available for pick up at the Extension Office on Tuesday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Incubation should begin immediately after that. Eggs will hatch on or after March 27<sup>th</sup>. Hatched chicks should be returned to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your interest in utilizing this 4-H resource. Feel free to call me with any questions at any time during the project.

Sincerely,



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