

America's Farmers Grow Communities Grant

The Monsanto Company, a large agriculture company, has set aside a fund for farmers to compete to earn the privilege of naming a group from the farmer's home area to receive a grant each year. The farmer submits the application and if he/she is successful, the lucky group receives a \$2,500 grant! This year in Wichita County, Dennis and Deb Bauck were the farmers chosen to give the grant to the group of their choice!! Fortunately for the Wichita County Elementary School, we were the lucky recipients of the grant! Having \$2,500 extra to spend on things the school needs and wants, especially this time of year, is just like Christmas! After receiving input from the staff at WCES, It was decided that the best use of the grant money would be to purchase a new laminator for the building. A laminator is used to seal paper and cardboard items between two layers of film, thereby protecting and preserving the student's or teacher's work to be used for many years. A large laminator to replace the current one, which has served many years of use, and a smaller one, which will save on film use for smaller projects, in addition to several rolls of laminating film were purchased with the grant money. These new laminators and film will be a great addition for classroom use for many years to come!

A great big THANK YOU to Dennis and Deb Bauck from all of us at WCES for the thoughtfulness to name us the recipient of the America's Farmers Grow Communities Grant!!