

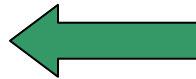


Plant-in-a-Jar Takes a Trip to Atlanta

On March 31, 2004 the CRSEP Professional Development Specialist; **Linda Morris, Terri O'Brien, and Diane Robusto**, traveled to Atlanta to present at the National Science Teacher's Association Conference. They presented the concept of using e-mail to further professional development by providing background content knowledge, that provides teachers with a deeper understanding of the science concepts in the science units. They each chose a series of e-mails to focus on and copies of them were made as handouts.



Remember our Plant-in-a-Jar series that we started on February 26, 2003, if not here is a picture of it.



It has continued to grow and on March 4, 2004 looked like this.



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Well, Diane chose to focus on the *Plant-in-a-Jar series* and thought it would be great if she could actually show them how much our plant-in-a-jar grew over the last 13 months. So, Diane very carefully packed the Plant-in-a-Jar in bubble wrap so it would not break and then secured it in her carry on bag so it would not move around. But little did she, or any of us, think there would be trouble going through airport security. Well they arrived at the airport and proceeded to go through security, when x-ray picked up the bubble wrapped object they thought they should check it further and had Diane open up her bag. She told them, “*It’s only my science experiment!*” However, they want to see it, since it was round they took the tape off and rolled it across the table to remove the bubble wrap. You can guess what happened to our poor plant. But that’s not all; our plant really got the attention of security and a third person was called to check it. Well, needless to say when they finished turning it in all directions it didn’t look like the picture you just saw. Even though it wasn’t as neat, it made a great impression on the participants who attended the workshop (and also gave them a good laugh!) Hope you have one too.



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The National Science Teacher's Conference draws people from all over the United States, as well as other countries. Just to mention a few, they had participants from Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida. Diane, Linda and Terri did a great job representing our CRSEP project and hope to travel to Dallas next year to present again.

Remember the professional development e-mail messages are archived at www.crsep.org.

Enjoy a well-deserved vacation.

CRSEP will return with e-mail on April 21, 2004.

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