

Dear Educators,

As an English teacher in Florida, it has been a challenging year for everyone -- with the greatest challenge of all: giving our students the best possible education to prepare them for a successful future.

For me, one of the highlights of this year has been working with the [Stone Soup Leadership Institute](#) to develop companion Lesson Plans for the new book, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*. Reading these true stories each week inspires me - and gives me hope. I get tingles watching these videos - [playlist](#) of the 100 climate change trailblazers, environmental justice changemakers, green inventors/entrepreneurs who are creating innovative and sustainable solutions to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. With an [introduction](#) from Ted Danson, the book is receiving praise from Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Sylvia Earle, Jean-Michel Cousteau, Danny Glover and Ed Begley Jr. and more.

It's been a delight to work with the Institute's team of PhDs and MBAs, to universities, green-blue companies, environmental organizations, educational institutions, technical and vocational programs, and young people to create these Lesson Plans with STEM Activities, Values and Language Arts, Sustainability Innovations and Sustainable Career Pathways. They are engaging, comprehensive, and solutions-oriented resources that prepare students for the environmental, economic, and social issues we face today. Most importantly, they are designed to comply with the NextGen Standards for STEM— these are used in 27 different states as well as State Standards for ELA (CA & MA).

**Fridays for Educators:** The Institute's social media team features a [Lesson Plan for our Story of the Week](#) on our social media channels.

I'm honored to be the **Teacher Trainer for the Institute's Sustainability Summit: June 21-23**. I'd like to personally invite you to join me on **Monday, May 24 at 5 pm EST** to learn how you can join us for free at the Sustainability Summit and bring these great resources to your classroom.

I'd love to meet you! Please RSVP to receive the zoom link: [Marilyn@stonesoupleadership.org](mailto:Marilyn@stonesoupleadership.org).

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