

PARENT LETTER

Dear Guardian,

During their time on the farm, students are teeming with questions...“Why are the eggs warm? What makes the best soil? Why are you a farmer?”

Each question provides the space to not only deepen their science understanding, but to connect their knowledge to new situations. Our goal is to bring kids face to face with the science of the classroom through the lens of sustainable farming. Students discover their interests and we facilitate understanding and appreciation of their world. Our chosen pathways are through food and water systems - we emphasize the power of personal choice and how choice directly affects outcomes.

Each day on the farm, students apply classroom concepts to the natural world. Our classroom extends beyond the walls of our teaching kitchen, beyond our 40 acres of gardens and fields, and even beyond the 1100 acres of forests, streams and canyons of McDowell! We make the world our classroom and our place to discover.

Listed below are a few important items worth emphasizing about your child’s upcoming visit to ensure their safety and comfort. Please read the information below carefully.

Appropriate Clothing: Living and learning on a farm can be messy business and because we spend most of our time outdoors (even in the rain and cold), please be sure to pack appropriate clothing for your child. In truly inclement weather, we have ample indoor teaching space.

PACKING LIST

- Bring OLD clothes and shoes! You may get dirty, wet and muddy.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Pack a raincoat or poncho (and warm clothes if applicable). Classes are held rain or shine.
- Pack a lunch if necessary!

Suggested Items

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hat or visor
- Bandana
- Small backpack to carry everything

If you have any questions or concerns about our program, personnel, or facilities, please contact us directly. We are more than happy to take your calls!

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