

LC's Farm School @ Red Barn Ranch
Parent Information Packet
2021-2022

Mission Statement

At LC's farm school, we provide a safe, happy and hands-on learning environment through authentic and nature based activities. We foster a love of learning and promote curiosity about the wonderful world around us.

Description of Program:

LC's farm school is an early childhood educational program providing a play and nature based learning environment for 3-5 year olds. Our school encourages imagination, creativity and fosters a love of learning. Our lessons are focused around the seasonal changes on our farm while encompassing preschool academics. Located on the beautiful setting of a working pumpkin patch and family farm, our school helps the development of emotional, mental, physical and social needs through practical activities and nature based experiences.

Disciplinary Philosophy:

At LC's farm school, we believe in being proactive in our discipline approach through a strong positive relationship with each student. We provide clear expectations and make sure that our students know and understand the expectations. We model behavior we want our students to imitate such as kindness, respect and self-discipline. If a student struggles with the expectations, we will redirect with positive language and give reminders of the expectations. Our discipline is consistent and fair.

Days and Times:

Monday/Tuesday- 8:30-12:15

Wednesday/Thursday- 8:30-12:15

Wednesday/Thursday- 12:30-4:15

Friday- 8:30-12:15

LC's farm school will follow the Harrisonville School District's schedule for cancellations and no school days.

Tuition:

Tuition is \$240 a month for 2 days a week and \$120 a month for 1 day a week (Friday Only). Tuition is collected on the 1st of each month from August-May

Tuition can be paid through Venmo (@lcfarmschool) or personal check.

Daily Schedule:

Every day is an outside day!

We will begin each day with a brief circle time inside the schoolhouse. This time might include a song, read aloud or talk about our journey for the day.

After circle time, we get on our chore clothes to do chores on the farm including feeding and watering the animals, collecting eggs, grooming the animals and anything else that needs to be done.

After chores, we then start our journey of the day, whether it be a scavenger hunt, science experiment, exploration of the farm or a special project.

We then head back to the schoolhouse for snack time and read aloud. We will have a mini-lesson focusing on preschool standards such as counting to 20, colors, shapes and letters sounds. Some days we will participate in art and music, while other days we will head back outside for more exploration of the farm.

We will end our day back outside in the play yard.

Animal Care:

The animals at the farm are an important part of our day at LC's farm school. Whether we are feeding the chickens, putting down new straw, petting the rabbits or adventuring with the goats, animals are providing new learning at our school.

Our farm animals require responsibility and daily routine which are important skills for children to learn. Also, taking care of animals makes people happy and it helps teach compassion, empathy and sympathy. It can offer companionship as well as stress relief.

Clothes:

Rain or shine, our animals need to be tended to. Therefore, it is essential that your child be comfortable and mobile out in the elements. As Missourians, we will dress in layers that allow for changes in weather throughout the day. In Winter, students will need a warm hat, waterproof mittens, boots, wool socks, snowsuit, and/or snow pants and coat.

Students will leave their farm clothes at the schoolhouse each day. They will come and go from farm school in regular clothes.

For boots, I recommend Croc or OutdoorMaster boots. You can find them on Amazon for around \$30. They are super easy to clean and good for all seasons.

Will my child be outside every day?

Barring severe weather, we will spend a large portion of our day learning/exploring outside. In the colder winter months, we will still be going outside, just for shorter times. We will be spending time in the schoolhouse, milkbarn and animal barns to stay out of the weather.

Snacks and Meals:

Students will have snack time every day that they are at farm school. They can bring their own snack or one will be provided if they do not have one. No meals will be provided.

Units of Study:

August- animals/meet animals on the farm/all about me

September- trees/leaves/acorns

October- pumpkins/pumpkin patch/apples

November- 5 senses

December- gingerbread/christmas

January- snow/arctic animals

February- groundhogs/Valentines Day

March- chicks/hatch chicks

April- plants/flowers/garden

May- bugs/insects/birds

Some activities we might do on the farm:

Hatch baby chicks

Plant a small garden

Groom the animals

Feed and water the animals

Explore creeks

Look at leaves and trees

Make butter/ice cream

Jump in puddles

Collect and count eggs

Dig up worms

Paint rocks/pumpkins

Do chores around the patch

Academic goals:

Recognize upper and lowercase letters

Count to 20

Write first name

Recognize numbers to 20

Recognize shapes

Recognize colors

Rhyme

Beginning sounds of words

Letter sounds

Syllables

Segment words

Patterns

Write numbers to 10