



CCSD is partnering with Cropsey Farms and the Rockland Farm Alliance to engage students in hands-on learning activities designed to promote a deeper understanding of agriculture and health education. 1st, 2nd and 4th graders will participate in this program as it connects to science curriculum and learning standards.

Students will engage in a sequence of lessons carefully curated to foster an understanding of topics such as food sourcing, the growth cycle, nutrition, healthy eating, and a genuine appreciation for plants and farm life.

The lessons will take place at both Cropsey Farm and hosted at Link where students will work together to make meaning and foster connections between science curriculum and daily life.

Our 2nd graders will visit the farm (and have lessons here at school) throughout the year to build a foundational understanding of how farms operate with respect to planting and harvesting. Grades 1 and 4 will make visits in the Fall and/or Spring.

The trips will begin with a 9:30 am arrival at the farm located at 220 S. Little Tor Road in New City. The hands-on activities will conclude at 12pm. Students will eat packed lunches at the farm, weather permitting. We will arrive back at Link by 1:00pm.

Please be advised of the following recommendations:

Attire:

Closed toed shoes & a jacket are suggested. Farmers work rain or shine, however they suggest bringing an umbrella or rain boots if the weather permits.

Allergies:

Animals: goats, hens, roosters, ducks, one rabbit, and one mini pig

****** Our lessons focuses on goats so the students will be brushing walking and learning about their animals needs

Materials: rye seeds, clay based soil, potting soil, and natural clay

These materials will be used to make seed balls. The farm can use wildflower seeds if anyone is allergic to rye.

We are looking forward to these opportunities for our students!