



FARM FIELD TRIP



THANK YOU TO FACTORS FARM FOR OUR MAY 29/24 FIELD TRIP!

We had a wonderful field trip to the farm May 29th, the weather was perfect – other than the downpour during lunch. We really appreciated the beautiful pergola to stay dry while everyone enjoyed their lunch.

We welcomed 21 Grade One students, their teacher and 6 parents.

- Dr. Jen's presentation 'The Living Farm' engaged the kids around life cycle. Talking about soil, water, sun, bugs, birds, bees, frogs, different types of farms. All topics the kids were excited to contribute to.
- We then headed out into the herb garden where the kids smelled, picked and tasted a leaf of a few of the different herbs (under supervision from the adults). They all loved guessing the herb names and giving their comments on flavor. This activity was a hit.
- And down to the Willow tree and pond. The kids really enjoyed running around the pond and identifying the red winged black birds, tadpoles, mushrooms, and plants growing along the edge of the pond.
- Off to the bridge! The kids enjoyed seeing ducks, beaver works, the water and rocks.
- Running down the road to where Bruce and Kelly had set up a planting area for us. The kids were excited to plant swiss chard seedlings. They chatted away about the plant, how it looked, if anyone likes to eat swiss chard, and "make sure you pat down the soil"! Very worthwhile exercise for the kids.
- Then we hiked back up to the 'barn' identifying all the crops growing along the way. And up to the veggie garden and bees. The kids really enjoy identifying the plants that are growing all over the farm, and especially recognizing all the vegetables.
- Lunch, and inside the 'barn' for drawing.
- The children all planted sunflower seeds in biodegradable cups to take home!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to bring the children to the farm. A meaningful and valuable experience for them, as they learn about organic gardening and farming.



A quote from the teacher of the class that attended the field trip:

*"Hi Betsy, Thank you once again for a fabulous day!
My kids really enjoyed their time at the farm and were so excited to take home their planted seeds.
We will continue to talk about them and return to the phrase "plant a seed and see what grows!"*

A few comments from the children:

*"Let's go plant a seed and see what grows!" "I love this farm, and all the plants growing"
"Did you see that red winged blackbird?" "mmm I love mint"*

THANK YOU!

