



Educational Farm & Nature Preserve

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to welcome your child to Stratford for a fun and educational field trip! Your child will be learning in a hands-on environment about the natural processes of the earth and about where their food comes from!

Stratford is a working organic farm and a state nature preserve that sits on a beautiful 236 acres in Delaware county. Jack and Louise Warner generously opened Stratford in 1993 to help children and adults build an appreciation of the land through the food we eat. We are happy your child is a part of that mission.

All of the many seasons of Ohio present wonderful adventures and a diversity of learn opportunities! On the farm there is no “bad” weather, just inappropriate clothing!

**The entire Farm and Field Trip will take place outside!**  
**All of our field trips are a hands-on experience, your child will get dirty!**

#### Maple Sugar Season!

*Your child will participate in the entire Maple Sugaring process from tree to taste!*

Dress for the weather!!  
It will be cold and muddy.  
A change of shoes may be helpful.



#### Spring

*Your child will visit the farm animals, gardens, greenhouses and explore the nature preserve, while learning about the important processes at work in our environment!*

Dress in layers!  
Check for rain!  
Wear mud boots or old shoes.

#### Fall

*Fall is harvest time! Your child will help bring in the harvest while tasting fresh food directly from the garden! Your child will interact with the farm animals and explore the nature preserve!*

Dress in layers!  
Wear mud boots or old shoes!

If your child is staying for lunch please use reusable containers as we encourage conservation and a trash free lunch!

You can find helpful “**Trash Free Lunch**” instructions on this web page!

Thank you and we look forward to sharing our love and appreciation of nature with your child!

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