



Budding Explorers Program for 3 & 4 year olds!



Budding Explorers welcomes young children age 3 and those who have just turned 4 to the Farm to begin learning about the special role farms play in our everyday lives. We will explore traditional farming themes such as animals and gardens, as well as discover how farms are significant natural areas for local wildlife.

1st and 3rd Fridays from September to May | 9:30-11am | Members \$12, Non-members \$15/program

Sign up to attend as many or as few programs as you'd like. Caregivers are welcome to stay and enjoy the program with their young explorer, but are not required to attend.

2008-2009 Schedule



September 5th *Fantastic Farm Friends*

Explore Stonewall Farm's animals. What animals live on the farm? Where do they live and what do they eat? Why do we keep them?

September 19th *Garden Harvest Time*

Check out the bountiful harvest and pick some of our own as a special treat. Explore where our vegetables come from and what they need to grow.

October 3rd *Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere!*

Meet the Great Pumpkin and hear her special story. Learn about the importance of honey bees while pretending to be a bee and visit our squash flowers.

October 17th *Delicious and Nutritious Apple Cider*

Discover a sweet drink made with an old fashioned cider press. Let's work together to press fresh apples into cider. Then we will get a view of the farm on a hayride and have a chance to meet Prince and Magic, our horses.

November 7th *Bright and Beautiful Autumn Leaves*

Fall is a special time when leaves change color and drop to the ground. Let's find out what color and shape leaves we have at Stonewall with a woodland walk.

November 21st *All About Chickens*

Can you guess what is in the touchy-Feely Box? It's something that belongs to a chicken. One of our charming chickens will visit us in the program room, then, we will go out to the chicken coop, see what she eats and look for eggs.

December 5th *Winter Birds Get Hungry*

For our winter bird friends, we will make pinecone bird feeders. Then, bundle up, and we will take a sleigh/hay ride out into the woods and leave our bird feeders out for the birds to find.

December 19th *Gorgeous Green Evergreen Trees*

Evergreen trees keep their leaves all winter long. Let's find some needles to touch and smell. What kind of evergreens grow at Stonewall? We will make an ornament to hang on evergreen trees and celebrate their winter color!

January 16th *Rabbits in Winter*

Meet our rabbits close up and personal. We will bring one into the Learning center to learn about what rabbits do in the winter and how they survive. For fun, we can pretend we are rabbits and make bunny tails and ears to take home.

February 6th *Winter Animals are All Around*

On this winter day we will have some fun with puppets. Meet Freddy the Fox, Bobby, Beaver, and Molly Mouse and learn what they need to survive these cold winter months.

February 20th *The Cows are in the Barn*

The cows get lonely all winter long. Let's investigate the Dairy Barn, meet the cows, heifers, and calves. Then we will make a tasty dairy treat.

March 6th *Birds and People Like Seeds!*

Birds love seeds to eat in winter. We will put some out and see what kinds of birds come to nibble. We will also make seed cookies that we can eat.

March 20th *Sugaring Time on the Farm*

We will check out the sap buckets to see if the sap is running and make maple leaf art. Maybe the farmer will be boiling maple sap into syrup! It wouldn't be sugaring time at the Farm without a tasty treat of ice cream and maple syrup.

April 3rd *Fairy Houses*

On this spring day, we will explore the magical side of nature while expanding our creativity in building gnome houses out in the woods.

April 17th *Spring in the Woods*

Take a woodland nature walk with us to look for migrating birds, buds on trees, and other signs of spring. Collect some nature objects to make art with back at the Learning Center.

May 1st *Woodland and Pond Creatures*

Salamanders and insects have some out with the warmth of spring. Let's meet them under logs, or in the pond.

May 15th *Spring in the Garden*

It is an exciting and busy time at the farm: garden plants have started to grow. We will use our five senses to explore the garden!



**For details
or to register,
call Rebecca at
(603)357-7278**

This is not a school-sponsored program.