Summerfield | WALDORF SCHOOL & FARM

# Farm Curriculum By Grade

**Preschool:** Animal visits, carrot digging, seasonal walking and a snack. One hour each week on the Farm.

**Kindergarten:** Seasonal rhythms, cider pressing, potato gathering, pumpkin harvesting, animal feeding and visits, egg gathering, snacks, building a fire to cook things on, walking in the corn rows.

**Lower School:**

Grade 1: Thistle digging in the pastures, corn shelling, apple pressing and drying, leaf raking.

Grade 2: Garden work, planting seeds, digging and weeding, social skills in the garden, sawing wood, harvesting beets.

Grade 3: Harvesting onions, potatoes, popcorn, field corn, winter squash and pumpkins, sowing a cover crop, birdhouse building, tree dressing, planting corn, onion, winter squash and pumpkins, sheep shearing.

Grade 4: Animal care, cleaning the duck pond and rabbit cages, gathering cow pies from the pasture and manure from the barns and chicken house, plus pruning and mulching the roses

Grade 5: Broom-making, animal care, and sketching plants for main lesson Botany block.

Grade 6: Broom corn harvest, maintaining compost bins, tool identification and maintenance, double-digging in student gardens, caning raspberries, seed planting, and potting.

Grade 7: Potato sorting, building toolboxes for a carpentry project.

Grade 8: Harvesting, cooking, nutrition Study, basket-weaving; using natural materials gathered on site.

**High School:**

Grade 9: Permaculture, herbal studies (research & practical application of culinary/medicinal herbs).

Grade 10: Permaculture gardening, grafting of Fruit Trees.

Grade 11: Plant cultivation and propagation, greenhouse work.

Grade 12: Sustainable agriculture projects; individually chosen projects that serve the community.

**Electives (High School Only)**: Sustainable Agriculture; farming, harvesting, cooking and preserving.

Source: Farm Manager & Teacher, compiled by Marketing 06/2025