# **Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center** 2024 Spring Pre-K & Kindergarten Semester

Pre-K (ages 3-4) Class Options: Tuesdays 9:30am-

10:30am, Tuesdays 1:00pm-2:00pm, Thursdays 9:30am-10:30am, OR Thursdays 1:00pm-2:00pm

# Kindergarten (ages 4<sup>1/2</sup>-5) Class Options: Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am,

Tuesdays 2:00pm-3:00pm, Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am, OR Thursdays 2:00pm-3:00pm

### **Spring has Sprung!**

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March 26<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> It's officially Spring! Let's learn about all the beautiful aspects of this budding season and hop around the farm to see what changes are already taking place!

### Plant a Seed & Watch it Grow

April 2nd or 4th In this class, we will learn about how seeds bud and transform by planting and caring for our own. Throughout the semester, we will check in on our blossoming plants and observe how they've changed.

#### Metamorphosis: The changes of life

Plants aren't the only things that change in the Spring! Animals and insects go through their own transformations, called metamorphosis. This week, we will focus on the changes that butterflies and frogs undergo during each stage of their lives.

### What's in that Egg?

In this class, students will learn that birds aren't the only animals that lay eggs! We will discover the many animals that share this characteristic with birds and identify which egg belongs to who.

### **Spring Birds**

In Winter, many birds migrate South to find food. Now that we are in Spring, they have begun to return. In this class, we will practice birding techniques to find and observe Spring birds.

### Can I Eat That? (Part 1)

Have you ever been on a hike, looked at a plant, and thought "can I eat that?" This lesson will teach students about some of the edible plants that grow around New Jersey and how to incorporate them into recipes.

### Can I Eat That? (Part 2)

We learned a lot about the edible plants around us last week but, there's even more to discover! We'll learn about new edible plants and incorporate them into more recipes.

## The World Under Our Feet

If you roll over a log, you may be surprised to find more than just dirt and mud. There is a whole community of creepy-crawlers that have made the log their home! Students will learn about what critters we may find hiding out under logs and the role they play in the health of the ground we walk on.

\*\* Please note that the class topics for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are the same, but the content will be altered to fit the learning abilities of the different age groups. FFEEC is dedicated to providing age-appropriate learning experiences for all children as they explore their natural world. \*\*



# April 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>

#### April 23rd or 25th

#### April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>

#### May 14th or 16th

May 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>



