

Developing a Community

The Primary school years are brimming with opportunities for building long-lasting, positive school behaviors and attitudes. Time spent building relationships and establishing social and academic expectations paves the way for a bright future.

Community Meetings

- help students to connect with one another by discussing their interests and their families
- allow time to set and achieve goals to create a sense of shared purpose
- establish a common vocabulary for discussing emotions, which will support both social and literacy goals
- generate clear, specific expectations for active listening in groups, respectful communication, expressions of kindness, problem-solving, and working together as a community of learners.

Peer Mentoring

Students in the Primary classes may be assigned a “Big Buddy”. Big buddies are high school students who are excited to meet with their “little” buddy weekly to engage in activities and foster self-confidence.

Animal Education

Students learn from Senior Rangers about animal care and behavior through a structured 20-minute presentation, Q & A, and opportunities to interact with animals on our farm.

Farm Fridays

Bi-monthly visits to the farm allow our students to safely engage with the horses, goats, and chickens. Special Fridays offer Stories with Steve, the resident goat.

Gardening

Each class enjoys outdoor learning time to participate in gardening, farm-to-table, and to continue lessons in science, math, and social studies.

Events

Primary students look forward to special events throughout the school year that foster a sense of school “family” including the Book Fair, Family Fun Night carnival, and moving-up days.