

September 14, 2009

Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome back to school! This letter provides information on your child's upcoming farm trip to the Manhattan Country School Farm. It's a great trip, filled with new discoveries, group activities and fresh-air fun. This four-day trip will provide your children with the opportunity to work and play together in an exciting and challenging environment. For many, it will be the highlight of their third grade year.

Here is some important information you will need to prepare for the trip and a description of the attached forms:

- 1. MCS Farm** is located in Roxbury, New York. Dot and Becka's class will leave on Tuesday, October 20th at 8:45 a.m. Please arrange to bring your child to school by 8:15 a.m. that morning. The drive will take approximately three and a half hours. They will return that Friday, October 23rd, at 3:00 p.m.
- 2. Medical Information:** Please fill out the Medication Dispensation chart and both sides of the Medical Information sheet. Remember, all medication must be in original containers, clearly labeled with your child's name and dosage, and given to teachers in a ziplock bag on the morning of departure.
- 3. Special Needs:** Please provide information on dietary needs and allergies.
- 4. Payment Form:** The cost of the trip is \$600 per student. Because this commitment is significant, we'll plan to meet the costs through a group effort. Some families may be able to contribute an additional amount, while others may speak with Michel de Konkoly Thege (ext. 319), for partial assistance. The trip fee may be charged to your MasterCard or Visa.
- 5. Packing List:** The list includes clothing and bedding recommendations. If you're faced with large purchases, please let teachers know, because it's usually easy to arrange loans among families. The primary guidelines should be warm clothing that can get wet or dirty, and a packing system that allows your child to find things easily.

It is important that you complete the attached forms and return them to Tracie McGee in the Business Office by Monday, Oct 5. Also, we will have a third grade farm meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 8:00 a.m. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dawn Wheatley
Lower School Assistant Principal