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Seasonal Activities

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall! In addition to daily chores that involve caring for the animals, students participate in seasonal activities throughout the year. These four breathtaking seasons provide the perfect backdrop for the Farms For City Kids students to experience firsthand the wonders of hands-on learning that accompany each season: preparation... rebirth... growth... and harvest!

LATE WINTER/EARLY SPRING

Our first academic lesson of the year, sugaring, also represents our first harvest of the year. With the student's help, maple sap is collected. March snow is also the perfect opportunity to teach children about snow shoeing and tracking.

MID TO LATE SPRING

The snow melts and gives way to the fresh scent of earth awakening... Spring is here! In the garden the students help plan where the seeds and plants will go. Once they are planted, the daily chores of watering and weeding begin. And the garden is the perfect place to talk about pollination as the honey bees buzz from flower to flower. Spring is also an exciting opportunity for the kids as they groom and move the animals from the barns to the pastures.

SUMMER

The heat of the Summer also brings many exciting and delicious harvests! Our students help harvest all sorts of vegetables including sweet corn, peas, tomatoes and potatoes. The greenhouse, raspberry and blueberry bushes keep the kids busy.

FALL

Fall is the time to put the Farm to bed for the winter. One of the most fascinating activities is bringing the animals in from their summer pastures and, with the kids help, the animals are corralled into their winter home – the barn! The best reward during this time of year is when the kids go apple picking, help with the cider pressing and harvest one of the Farm's last crops pumpkins!

