

Summer on the farm 2020

1st level: Pre-kindergarten – Kindergarten and Grades 1–4

Our “Summer on the Farm” just got spruced up!

We are kicking off the summer season by creating our own vertical vegetable gardens. All teams will construct and maintain improvised pots out of wooden pallets, which we will paint and then plant. Our little green-fingered friends might even replicate the practice in their balconies, terraces or yards!

The combination of traditional and Mediterranean diet and modern nutritional values will guide us through two weeks full of gardening, cooking, games, experiments, and constructions. Our cows, hens, humble snails, bees, rabbits and all the other little animals are once again the stars of the program. The whole farm is a field of research, experimentation, experiential knowledge, and playing!

Children will be divided in homogeneous age groups led by 3 staff members each. Their daily checklist includes:

- Maintain the vertical vegetable garden and other gardening activities
- Collect raw materials and produce
- Get creative with cooking
- Experiment with different materials
- Make ornaments from wax, clay, soap, and aromatic herbs
- Make recycled paper

Movement and board games, walks and explorations on the farm, complete the daily program. Some snapshots of children’s activities:

- Bread kneading and baking and other experiments with yeast
- Cheese making and experiments with eggs
- Vegetable transplanting and application of Natural Revegetation
- Cow-feeding and egg collection from the chicken coop
- Scented olive oils with natural herbs
- Clay constructions in the pottery workshop and experiments with mud

Like every year, a small sample of the children’s creations will be presented in the “Open Market” on the last day of every period, thus giving the opportunity to parents to get a quick dip into how we spent these ten creative days. The products from the Open Market are offered for a nominal price. The proceeds will go to the SOS Children’s Village of Plagiari.