

Summer on the farm 2020

2nd level: Grades 5–6 and Grades 7–9 (middle school)

“Around the world in a plate”

What do Armenia, Japan, New York, Madrid and Naples have in common? Together we will discover that all lie on the same geographical parallel as Thessaloniki, which means that they tend to have similar climate and nutritional habits. A journey around the world on a plate will help us discover differences and similarities regarding the civilization, the nutrition, the music, and the games of each place.

Every day children will receive an envelope with the name of a country and a mission for the preparation of a meal, for example “Prepare a meal for your Japanese friend...”

Afterwards, they will do some research at the library to collect information about that country:

- How they greet and some basic expressions
- How they write a simple phrase in their language;
- What the typical dishes are of the local cuisine
- What their favorite games are
- Where this country is on the map
- Whether there are any similarities with your country
- Other fun facts

Back to our base, we prepare a typical meal of the country we researched. We have fun learning some of their language and playing one of their popular games. We wrap up the activity with a commemorative craft.

A journey to the corners of the world will be this year’s challenge for the older children at “Summer on the Farm”. Games, tastes, music, and constructions will be included in the luggage of modern explorers. It goes without saying that, during this journey, we will make a stop in the Mediterranean and the healthy Mediterranean diet with fresh vegetable, the olive oil, and the taste of summer fruit. As for our raw materials, the AFS farm has almost everything!

Innovative and imaginative creations

- Which is the most delicious, nutritious and nicely packed product you have ever bought? The children at “Summer on the farm” will prepare healthy products in imaginative packages! Look out for fruity scented candles, natural herbs, scented olive oil, and “surprise” soaps!
- We will learn about innovation and sustainability in production which will turn traditional farming into science.
- Summer time means play time! Children will play team games and some board games they have never seen. From the Egyptian Senet to the Jordanian GoGo and the Chinese tic tac toe, and many more.

It will be a week of creativity and investigation: artistic construction workshops, experimental devices, ancient games, and fresh, handmade products. And of course we will also be taking care of our “vertical vegetable garden” on the side.

The points of interest will be:

- ✓ The cows and their milking
- ✓ The hens and the traditional chicken coop
- ✓ The beehives
- ✓ The modern snail “park”
- ✓ The corn and wheat crops
- ✓ The vegetable garden and the greenhouses
- ✓ The little bunnies and the hamsters

Children’s creations (food or ornaments) will be posted on the Facebook page of the program. We want to keep you posted of our daily explorations and we will look forward to your comments!

Finally, like all teams participating in the program, they will contribute with their “products” for a good cause in the “*Open Market*” – the economic support of SOS Children’s Village of Plagiari.

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. The products from the Open Market are offered for a nominal price. The proceeds will go to the SOS Children’s Village of Plagiari.