

Greetings First Grade Students and Families!

It's hard to believe an entire year of garden-related lessons is ending. We have enjoyed getting to know this year's students and seeing all the enthusiasm they bring as we've offered the **Sprouts School Garden Program**, run by local non-profit **Community Food Initiatives (CFI)**.



- There has been a lot of action in the garden—more raised beds, a new pollinator area, a grape arbor, and plans for a sensory garden to be installed soon!
- We are so grateful to all the partners, teachers, administrators, parents, and volunteers that supported our **first ever Farm Field Trips!** All participating students got to spend a fun-filled day at Blackberry Sage Farm. There is never a dull moment with these budding gardeners!
- The CFI Sprouts Team made 42 visits to offer garden lessons to over 200 students in three schools this year.
- We'd appreciate you filling out our **parent survey** (sent home via your teacher) as this helps us assess and improve future programming.
- As summer rolls around, **we are looking for a few families to sign up for week-long shifts to be "garden caretakers"** (watering and general weeding—we provide training, no experience needed. Contact School Nurse Tobey Witschey at twitschey@fhlanders.com)
- Please thank the **local businesses and funders** listed below for their support of Sprouts at Amesville Elementary. If you know a business that would like to be a Sprouts sponsor for 2022-2023, please get in touch.



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Classroom Heroes



Teachers' Friend



Garden Caretaker



Lesson Helpers



Have a lovely, safe summer break! Warmly,

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**“Every child is a different flower, and together makes the world
a beautiful garden”**

