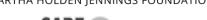
Greetings First Grade Students and Families!

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).

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- 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@fhlancers.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.







Teachers' Friend



Garden Caretaker Lesson Helpers



Have a lovely, safe summer break! Warmly,

Classroom Heroes

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"Every child is a different flower, and together makes the world a beautiful garden"

