

5th Grade Excerpt from a letter received from Green Gate Farms.

Greetings 5th Grade Parents:

We are so proud of your children!

During the several months they worked at Green Gate Farms this winter, we watched them blossom into knowledgeable, passionate and reliable beginning farmers. We were delighted to host them in partnership with Karen Hidalgo, the remarkable teacher who is helping us realize our School to Farm vision.

Proof of their mastery came when they led tours for Magellan Academy Kindergarten students on their final day here. As they guided the little ones through each of our farm stations, they explained the importance of our integrated, organic systems with eloquence.

These leadership skills are why we are inviting your children to participate in our summer farm camp as part of our Farmers-in-Training (FIT) program. FITs lead such activities as caring for pigs, chickens, rabbits, harvesting, setting up the farm stand and games. These activities will help them further develop their leadership skills, while enjoying time on the farm.

Thank you for support and we look forward to seeing you on the farm!

Warm Regards,

Rachel Blalock

Farm Educator

New Farm Institute at Green Gate Farms