

Fall Field Trip Planner

Purpose: Extend learning outside the four walls of the classroom by bringing students on local field trips.

Key Concepts: Connections between what they are learning in school and how it applies in the “real world” will be made when students attend purposeful field trips that have a clear educational connection to the work completed in the classroom.

Activities: 1. If a goal of your garden project is to donate food to a local pantry, make it a priority to bring students to the donation site! The work that students do in the garden will mean so much more if they actually see where their food goes, and if they meet the people who work at the pantry.

2. Visit a local orchard and meet the face behind the apple! Ask the owner if topics such as pollination, weather, irrigation, pests, and the history of the site can be shared with the class.

3. Visit a local farm to meet a farmer and get a tour! Ask if your students can help harvest, clean a barn, turn compost, or assist in getting the farm ready for winter.

4. Attend an agricultural fair. Many have a free day for schools and transportation costs may be covered by a local grant. While there, have students complete a scavenger hunt. Get them talking with the people running the exhibits!