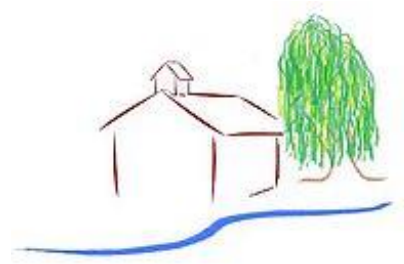


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## Parent's Quick Reference Guide

**Teacher:** Ms. Wendy Grimshaw

**Website:** [www.learningbarn.org](http://www.learningbarn.org)

### **SEED (Student Exploration Efficacy & Discovery) Courses:**

During SEED classes, students are encouraged to practice inquiry by asking questions, and by using the related concepts, skills, symbols and vocabulary to seek the answers. Students will participate in learning activities that improve their investigation and discovery skills, and develop their ability to organize and interpret the world through a STREAM\* lens.

*\*STREAM: science, technology, reading & writing, arts, and mathematics*

### **Personal Growth and the School Mission:**

While we focus on academics, we will also seek to develop character and integrity, all within a safe and nurturing community, in concert with the school mission:

***Our mission is to promote human flourishing while sowing organic learning in a simple social setting.***

### **Learning Materials:**

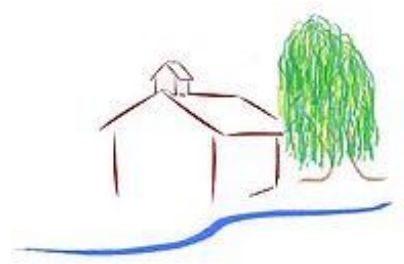
Students are encouraged to maintain an organized notebook, and to bring it, a pencil, and loose-leaf paper to each class meeting. Lab tools and supplies, activity and project materials, and supplemental resources, will be available to the students, as needed, for lessons. Supplemental lesson materials are customized to maintain an engaging learning environment, and are for the explicit use of the students while enrolled in classes at The Learning Barn.

### **Homework:**

Out-of-class tasks assigned to students are meant to reinforce skills introduced and taught at the school. While these tasks are helpful in providing supplemental opportunities to engage with skills and concepts, they are considered secondary to those times reserved for students to be with their families, relax, get exercise, and come back ready to learn on the next school day.

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## **Parent Chaperones:**

Parents will be asked to help facilitate this culture of learning by agreeing to chaperone their child's class approximately once per month. While parents are always welcome at The Learning Barn, class times are reserved for those siblings that are enrolled in the course.

## **Schoolhouse Rules and Behavior Management:**

Schoolhouse rules (listed below) are designed to facilitate a safe and productive learning environment for all stakeholders in our classes. In the event a rule is broken, consequences may include verbal redirection, parent contact, or dismissal from the class or course, depending upon the infraction.

1. Honor the rights and responsibilities of others.
2. Respect the property of others.
3. Obey the rules of specific areas.
4. Arrive on time and be prepared.

## **Arrival and Departure:**

Students are expected to arrive, and depart, within 10 minutes of the designated class start and end times, unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. More than three unauthorized delayed departures could result in dismissal from the course.

## **Payment Policies:**

Payment for the course is due by the first day of class. Personal checks are accepted, and should be made out to *The Learning Barn*. There will be a \$25 returned check fee. No refunds will be issued after the second class meeting of a SEED course.

## **Willow Creek Farm Grounds and Animals:**

The animals on our farm are very dear to us, and we will visit with them as part of our planned learning experiences. In fact, students are encouraged to bring rubber mud boots, or "play shoes," to class for farm adventures. However, to maintain everyone's safety and comfort, please respect the guidelines for entering the animals' designated areas.

***Visitors MUST be accompanied by the teacher to visit any farm area outside of the school yard, or to interact in any way with the animals.***