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Dear Parents,

Your child is scheduled to attend an Environmental Education Program at Elkus Ranch on _____ . S/he will spend time in our gardens and greenhouse, visit with our livestock to learn how food and fiber is produced. In order to ensure that your child can fully participate in the program and have a truly memorable experience, we'd like to suggest the following:

1. **Clothing** - Elkus Ranch is located near the coast in Half Moon Bay. Our weather can change quickly and may be quite different than that at your child's school.

a. Children should dress in layers and wear clothes that can get dirty. We frequently have fog in the morning and then it can get warm when the sun comes out. Rain gear and warm jackets are a good idea during the winter and spring. Sunscreen and hats are recommended in the warmer months.

b. Children (and parent chaperones) should wear sturdy, durable shoes. Sandals or open toed shoes are not appropriate at the ranch.

Lunch - Students should bring an eco-friendly lunch. We encourage our visitors to appropriately recycle plastic, paper, cans and food scraps (our animals love leftovers) while at the ranch.



a. Please pack food and drink items in reusable and re-sealable containers and place in a re-usable lunch bag or container.

Water is the best drink for this trip and while we do have a drinking fountain, you can certainly send a personal size, re-sealable water bottle with your child.

We look forward to your child's visit.

Sincerely,
Elkus Ranch Staff