

Farmschool at Lolly & Pop's

Graduation Learning Objectives – Age 5

“I Can” Statements (MELS-Aligned)

These 'I Can' statements describe the skills and dispositions a Farmschool graduate typically demonstrates by age five. They are aligned to the Missouri Early Learning Standards (MELS), Revised February 2021, and reflect the Montessori, outdoor, and farm-based learning approach of Farmschool.

Approaches to Learning

- I can choose my work and finish it.
- I can try again when something is hard.
- I can solve problems by myself or with friends.
- I can ask questions and explore new ideas.

Social-Emotional Development

- I can name my feelings and calm my body.
- I can follow daily routines and rules.
- I can work and play cooperatively with others.
- I can take care of animals, materials, and my belongings.
- I can show kindness and empathy.

Language & Literacy

- I can speak in complete sentences.
- I can listen to stories and talk about them.
- I can recognize my name and some letters.
- I can play with sounds, rhymes, and words.
- I enjoy books and storytelling.

Mathematics

- I can count at least 20 objects.
- I can compare which group has more or less.
- I can recognize basic shapes and patterns.
- I can measure and pour using tools.
- I can help collect and talk about simple information.

Science

- I can ask questions about the world around me.
- I can care for plants and animals.
- I can talk about how plants and animals grow.
- I can observe weather and seasonal changes.
- I can make predictions and see what happens.

Physical Development

- I can run, climb, jump, and balance.
- I can use tools like scissors, paintbrushes, and pouring pitchers.
- I can move safely and follow safety rules.
- I can take care of my body.

Expressive Arts

- I can create art using many materials.
- I can sing, move, and express myself through music.
- I can use my imagination during play.
- I can share my ideas through creative work.