

Pennsylvania Farm to School Network Success Story:

LINDSEY BROWN: BROWN'S FAMILY CHILDCARE

Venango County, PA



At Brown's Family Childcare, education and hands-on exploration of the world around us are inseparable. Getting kids outside and connected to nature is what drives this work. For Lindsey Brown incorporating farm to school principles into her program is all about making local food, farming, and nutrition exciting and delicious for her young learners.



One recent success started with a simple ingredient: fresh, locally grown tomatoes. Lindsey and her students washed and cored the tomatoes before placing them in a crock pot to cook for four hours. Once softened, the mixture was transformed into homemade pizza sauce with garlic and onion powder, oregano, Italian seasoning, pepper, and a dash of brown sugar.

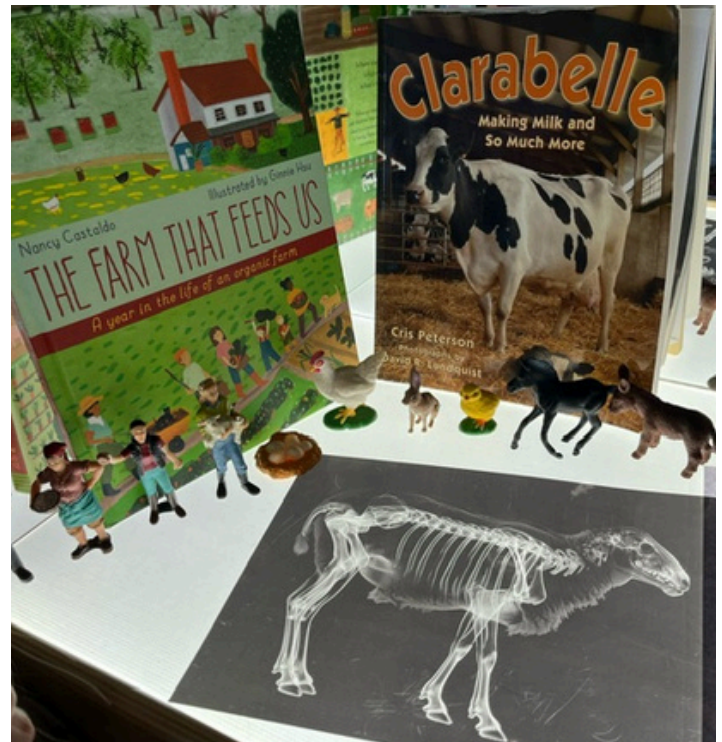
To introduce the new flavor, Lindsey offered the sauce in small portions, giving children the choice to mix it into buttered noodles or try it on its own.





These experiences help children build a deeper understanding of where their food comes from while fostering curiosity, creativity, and healthy eating habits. As a result of all she does, Lindsey was recently named one of the top 10 educators in the Discover Dairy Teacher Appreciation Contest, selected from more than 500 nominations. This recognition highlights her commitment to excellence in teaching and her passion for integrating agriculture into early childhood education.

By bringing farm to school concepts into her childcare program, Lindsey is nourishing her students with healthy, local foods and planting the seeds for a lifelong appreciation of agriculture, sustainability, and community.



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