



# PreK – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Vocabulary List for On-site Lessons

The following is a list of vocabulary words that will be touched on during your students' visit the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. Feel free to use these words as a source of discussion before your trip, or as a topic of discussion afterwards.

## Careers Walk

- **Agriculture**
  - Definition: The cultivating of the soil, producing crops, and raising of livestock for human use.
  - Usage: Agriculture provides humans with food, clothing, and shelter.
- **Career**
  - Definition: The job a person chooses to for most of their life.
  - Usage: Susan's mom comes into class every year to talk about her career as a police officer.
- **Equipment**
  - Definition: The physical resources serving to equip a person or things such as the implements used in an operation or activity.
  - Usage: For Tiffany's PE class they need the sports equipment before they can play outside.
- **Farming**
  - Definition: The business or practice of raising crops and livestock.
  - Usage: Billy's family began farming corn this year and they really enjoy it.
- **Fertilizer**
  - Definition: A natural or chemical substance added to soil to make it better for growing plants.
  - Usage: Tucker's aunt puts fertilizer in her garden to help her plants grow.
- **Halter**
  - Definition: A rope or strap used around the head of animals to lead them or hold them in place.
  - Usage: Emily puts a halter on her cow before taking it out of the pen.



- **Hand-spreader**
  - Definition: A piece of gardening equipment that is used to spread various lawn products such as fertilizer, manure, seeds and ice-melt on the lawn.
  - Usage: My grandpa uses a hand-spreader to spread fertilizer over his lawn.
- **Harness**
  - Definition: A set of straps or harnesses that livestock can wear to be easily controlled or attached to a piece of equipment.
  - Usage: Horses are sometimes hooked up to a buggy with a harness.
- **Ingredients**
  - Definition: Something that is a component of any combination or mixture.
  - Usage: Ingredients are used to make the correct type of fertilizer for a specific plant.
- **Livestock**
  - Definition: Farm animals that are grown for human use.
  - Usage: Horses, sheep, cattle, pigs, and chickens are animals found on farms.
- **Nitrogen**
  - Definition: An element that is one of the three essential nutrients for plants.
  - Usage: Farmers have nitrogen in their fertilizer to help the plants grow.
- **NPK**
  - Definition: The abbreviation for nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium.
  - Usage: NPK are the three essential nutrients that help plants grow.
- **Phosphorus**
  - Definition: An element that is one of the three essential nutrients for plants.
  - Usage: Farmers have phosphorus in their fertilizer to help the plants grow.
- **Potassium**
  - Definition: An element that is one of the three essential nutrients for plants.
  - Usage: Farmers have potassium in their fertilizer to help the plants grow.
- **Technician**
  - Definition: A person whose work requires special skills in a specific area.
  - Usage: Rebecca is a fertilizer technician and helps the farmers decide what fertilizers are best and how to spread them on the crops.
- **Veterinarian**
  - Definition: A person qualified to treat diseased or injured animals.
  - Usage: Susan's dog got sick and she had to take him to see the veterinarian.

## Chippers, Skidder, & Saws-STEM Walk:

- **Agriculture**
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- **Compound Machine**
  - Definition: A machine that combines two or more simple machines.
  - Usage: There are many compound machines on the farm, like plows, wheelbarrows, and tractors.
- **Cotton Gin**
  - Definition: A machine for separating cotton from its seeds.
  - Usage: The cotton gin makes the seed removal step much faster and easier.
- **Force**
  - Definition: A strength or energy due to an action or movement.
  - Usage: Push or pulling a door is an example of force.
- **Motion**
  - Definition: The act or process of changing location or moving.
  - Usage: Types of motions include pushes, pulls, drops, and tosses.
- **Plow**
  - Definition: A type of farming equipment used to till soil.
  - Usage: The plow is a compound machine and used in preparation to plant seeds.
- **Simple machine**
  - Definition: Devices for applying a force.
  - Usage: Incline plane, wedge, lever, screw, pulley, wheel and axel are all considered simple machines.
- **STEM**
  - Definition: An abbreviation for science, technology, engineering, and math.
  - Usage: Agriculture involves all the components of STEM!

## **Beetles, Bees, & the Breeze-Pollination Walk:**

- **Agriculture**
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- **Bee dance**
  - Definition: The movements performed by worker bees to point a hive in the direction of a pollen source or new home.
  - Usage: Honeybees use their bee dance to help their bee coworkers find nectar.
- **Egg**
  - Definition: An oval or round object that contains a very young animal during development which is laid by a female animal (usually bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, or invertebrate).
  - Usage: Queen bees lay eggs to keep the population of the hive growing.
- **Larva**
  - Definition: An insect in the metamorphic stage of eating (usually); after the egg stage.
  - Usage: A caterpillar is the larvae form of a butterfly.
- **Nectar**
  - Definition: A sugary fluid secreted by plants, especially within flowers to encourage pollination by insects and other animals.
  - Usage: Bees collect nectar and turn it into honey.
- **Plant**
  - Definition: A living thing that grows in the ground, usually has leaves or flowers, , and needs sun and water to produce its own food to survive.
  - Usage: A lot of the things we use every day come from plants.
- **Pollination**
  - Definition: The transfer of pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part of the flower.
  - Usage: Pollination is necessary for some plants to produce seeds and fruit.
- **Pollinator**
  - Definition: Anything that helps carry pollen from the male part of the flower to the female part of the flower.
  - Usage: Bees, butterflies, wasps, bats, are all pollinators.

- **Pollen**
  - Definition: The fine dust that is produced by a plant that is carried to other plants of the same kind, usually by wind or insects so that the plants can produce seeds.
  - Usage: Pollen helps plants to make seeds.
- **Pupa**
  - Definition: An insect in the metamorphic stage between the larva and the adult where transformation occurs; pupa usually 'sleep' through this change.
  - Usage: A cocoon holds the sleeping pupa as it changes into an adult butterfly.
- **Wind Pollination**
  - Definition: The transfer of pollen from one plant to another due to the wind.
  - Usage: Some trees are strictly wind pollinators.

## Woods, Water, & Wildlife-Nature Walk:

- **Adapt**
  - Definition: To become adjusted to new conditions.
  - Usage: Animals must adapt to their surroundings to survive a changing environment.
- **Amphibians**
  - Definition: A group of cold-blooded vertebrate animals that usually have gills and live in water as larvae but breathe air as adults (go through metamorphosis).
  - Usage: Some commonly known amphibians are frogs, toads, and salamanders.
- **Bacteria**
  - Definition: The microscopic, single-celled organisms that live in diverse environments.
  - Usage: Some bacteria help keep animals (including humans) healthy while others can cause disease.
- **Bark**
  - Definition: A protective outer layer of the trunk, branches, and twigs of a tree or woody shrub.
  - Usage: Bark protects the tree from insects, disease, and fire.
- **Cold-blooded**
  - Definition: An animal whose body does not regulate their own body temperature.
  - Usage: Frogs are cold-blooded animals.
- **Decomposers**
  - Definition: An organism that breaks down organic materials.
  - Usage: Mushrooms, millipedes, earthworms, and beetles are all examples of decomposers.
- **Environment**
  - Definition: The surroundings where an animal or plant lives.
  - Usage: Environment can include the soil, rocks, and water of where an animal or plant is located.

- **Forest**
  - Definition: A large area covered with trees and undergrowth.
  - Usage: The forest can have many different types of trees and other plants.
- **Fungus**
  - Definition: The organisms (not plant nor animal) which feed on organic matter.
  - Usage: Mushrooms, mold, mildew, and yeast are fungi.
- **Insects**
  - Definition: Animals with six legs, three body parts, two antennae, and compound eyes. Insects are commonly referred to as bugs.
  - Usage: Flies, beetles, bees, butterflies, and ants are all insects.
- **Invertebrates**
  - Definition: The animals without a backbone
  - Usage: Worms, leeches, spiders, many aquatic animals (crabs/crayfish) and insects are all invertebrates.
- **Leaf**
  - Definition: One of the usually green, flat parts of a plant or tree that grows from the stem or branch, where plant makes its food.
  - Usage: Emily and her brother love to jump in piles of leaves.
- **Living**
  - Definition: To have life; needing food/nutrients, water, and other non-living items to survive.
  - Usage: Plants, people, and animals are all living things.
- **Metamorphosis**
  - Definition: The striking/extreme change of form or structure after hatching or birth; many times, leading to adulthood which may appear or live very different.
  - Usage: Amphibians (frogs/toads/salamanders), insects, some fish, and some aquatic animals go through stages (metamorphosis) of development. Mammals and reptiles do not, the young are usually smaller versions of the adults (hair/eye color may change).
- **Non-living**
  - Definition: Not needing anything to grow, breathe, or survive.
  - Usage: Rocks, sticks, and water are all non-living.
- **Reptiles**
  - Definition: Exothermic, or cold-blooded, animals with a backbone that have dry scaly skin, lay eggs, and the young look like miniature adults.
  - Usage: Snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodiles are all reptiles.

- **Roots**
  - Definition: The part of plants that attaches it to the ground or a support and transports water from the ground to the rest of the plant.
  - Usage: Roots are like anchors and straws. They hold the plants in place and suck up water and nutrients from the soil.
- **Seed**
  - Definition: A flowering plant's unit of reproduction which will turn into the identical plant it comes from.
  - Usage: After pollination, plants produce seeds to spread more plants.
- **Vertebrates**
  - Definition: Animals with a backbone
  - Usage: Mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians are all vertebrates.
- **Warm-blooded**
  - Definition: An animal whose body regulates their own body temperature.
  - Usage: Mammals are warm-blooded animals.
- **Wildlife**
  - Definition: Animals that are not domestic (farm animals/most pets).
  - Usage: Wildlife in the forest can include squirrels, birds, snakes, foxes, and turtles.