Week 1 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, June 28th
**Wildlife Safari!**
This trip takes us down south to the Winston/Roseburg area, at Wildlife Safari- a beautiful place where all the animals seem to co-exist in complete contentment. We will drive through the park before lunch, observing all the animals. We often run out of time here because there is so much to see and do! There are even animals in the compound that can be observed and petted.

Week 2 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, July 5th
**William L Finley Wildlife Refuge**
This year we have a new adventure awaiting us at William Finley Wildlife Refuge! I’ve been in contact with the management at the refuge, and they’ve told me we will have the opportunity to see many species of birds, pond turtles, and frogs. There are several short trails for us to hike, including a boardwalk through the ponds, and plans are still in the works to have the nature experts from the refuge help us explore for part of the day. The afternoon will allow everyone to pursue their personal interests, like further exploration of the refuge or painting a representation of the beauty that we see.
We are very excited to share this beautiful site with the kids!

Week 3 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, July 12th
**Pioneer Trail Historical Hike on Mapleton Hill**
Pioneer Trail is a beautiful trek along a creek that was once a pioneer road bed, and is another new adventure I found while letterboxing with friends. Along with learning about some local history, we will be letterboxing on the way.
For those who haven’t heard of Letterboxing, it combines artistic ability with “treasure-hunts” in parks, forests, and cities around the world. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes by cracking codes and following clues. The prize: an image from a miniature piece of art known as a rubber stamp – usually a unique, hand-carved creation. When we are done exploring we will head to the park.

Week 4 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, July 19th
**Sea Lion Caves**
In our quest to learn about many of Oregon’s native animals this week, we are headed over to visit the Sea Lion Caves. Once the kids get past the smell in the cave, the magic of what they are seeing takes over! It’s an amazing place to view our sea lions and birds. After exploring the cave, we will hike down the path to the ocean overlook where the sea lions like to hangout! After we finish at the caves, we will move over to the beach where we will have lunch and play in the sand.
**Week 5 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, July 26th**

**Mildred Kanipe Park**

This offering is new to us this year! This beautiful park, formally a working farm, was donated to Douglas County. It has hiking trails and a creek and pond that allow for the viewing of pond turtles which is what caught our eye! So during the week we will talk about turtles and then we look for them at the pond!

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**Week 6 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, August 2nd**

**Row River Bike Ride**

Our annual Row River bike trip is a beautiful ride along a shady trail just outside Cottage Grove to Harms Park at Dorena Lake. It's a very kid friendly ride of about 5 miles each way. There are many road access points and the bus will be at each one to be sure all are doing well… to offer water, pump tires, or just give encouragement to the bikers! This is a kid favorite and specifically requested year after year by our riders! Once we get to the top (it's a very gentle uphill with a great payoff on the ride back), we will picnic and play with water squirters at Harms Park. There are even a couple of letterboxes if anyone is interested in hunting! After resting, we will bike back (all down hill) to the second bus, making for a fabulous accomplishment of a 10 mile ride!

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**Week 7 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, August 9th**

**Shotgun Creek and Letterboxing**

We have been going to Shotgun Creek for over 10 years now, and each trip is an adventure! Shotgun is a beautiful park outside of Marcola. It has a creek to explore, a bunch of letterboxes to find, a playground, horseshoes, picnic shelters, hiking trails, and a sandy swimming hole where we can build castles and play with our squirters! Each year is a little bit of a different experience because we build the day around the children’s interests.

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**Week 8 Fieldtrip, Tuesday, August 15th**

**Ellies (Going into grades 4th, 5th & 6th)**

**Family Fun Center in Wilsonville**

This is a new end of year celebration for our Ellie group of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. There are many fun offerings including laser tag, bumper boats, climbing structures and games! I am working on the exact package at the moment… with updates posted as the plan is finalized. We have a 15 person minimum for this particular trip. If we don’t reach our goal, we will join the Mallards at the Enchanted Forest.

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**Week 8 Fieldtrip, Wednesday, August 16th**

**Mallards (Going into grades 2nd & 3rd) - Enchanted Forest**

Our favorite end of the year fieldtrip, and a tradition for many years, is our trip to the Enchanted Forest up in Turner, OR. It may not be a real life forest, but it is a fun and magical one! We spend time through-out the summer fundraising for this by having a bake sale and sometimes a car wash so the children get to feel what it is like to contribute funds to their own fun!