



Dear Families,

Welcome!

We are so grateful you have found our Nature-led Program! This year is sure to be filled with fun, adventure, exploration, learning, laughter, and trying many new things. Currently, very arduous with lots of breath and pause, as we traverse through our local and global unprecedented difficulties for families, children and our Earth.

The BEAn In Nature, nature-led mentoring program offers students the unique opportunity to interact with the natural environment through many real-life and creative ways that are adventurous, challenging, exciting, and promote inquiry and observation skills.

BEAn is a full immersion, hands-on based program. BEAn In Nature nature-led educators facilitate learning by engaging children in earth lessons not by a 'teach at the child' didactic model, we use the skillful art of questioning, creative guiding and inquiry based teachings, experiential child-led focus and meet the child where he/she is at, where we share our contagious enthusiasm, our imagination, and our own love of the earth.

This means that our classroom is the natural open spaces, the oak trees, the creeks where we find the macroinvertebrates, the ground squirrel in the bay tree, the tracks on the muddy bank, the shifting winds, and our gardens we plant together. Rain or shine, wind or heat, our classroom is the perfect learning environment. As an outdoor program we create a structure that helps guide our days, yet we allow for the unknown events, as our nature can be unpredictable.

Our job, as earth educators in BEAn In Nature, is to support, guide, role model, create safety for the multi aged students to engage, grow and learn; to role model boundaries; and to set safety parameters within the environment of supporting through healthy social-emotional boundaries, our core values support us with learning positive conflict resolution, all the while growing together in our nature connection.