

The Learning Forest Way Curriculum

The Learning Forest Way is an all inclusive curriculum based on nature. Instead of traditional monthly lessons and activities based on holidays, we use Seasonal Lessons focused on what happens throughout the year. Students will be able to identify the four seasons and describe different events that happen in each. Seasonal activities are a great way to provide fun and creative learning opportunities for all students while also integrating your required standards and curriculum such as: mathematics, language arts, science, art, technology, physical education and social skills.

The Learning Forest Way curriculum respects all children without anyone feeling forced to participate in activities that their families may not partake in. It is a philosophy of education based on the premise that each child finds identity, meaning, and purpose in life. This happens through connections to the community, to the natural world and to social skills such as compassion, empathy, kindness, self respect and knowledge of self. The Learning Forest Way is a holistic educational style that aims to create an intrinsic reverence for life and a passionate love of learning in each child.

The Learning Forest Way has a goal of educating the whole child: body, mind, and spirit. Our approach to early childhood education highlights academics in an age-appropriate way while making all learning focused and fun. Utilizing art, music, gardening, literacy activities, counting and foreign language as key focuses throughout the week.

SEASONAL FOCUS EXAMPLES:



SPRING EXPLORATION INCLUDES ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS AROUND: SPRING POETRY, SONGS, AND ART, PLANTS, FLOWERS, ANIMALS, AGRICULTURE, LIFE CYCLES AND CHANGES IN WEATHER.



SUMMER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS AROUND: SUMMER POETRY, SONGS, AND ART, SUMMER SCIENCE, STUDY OF THE SUN, SUMMER FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND CHANGES IN WEATHER.



AUTUMN EXPLORATION INCLUDES ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS AROUND: FALL POETRY, SONGS AND ART, APPLES, PUMPKINS, CREATING FALL WREATHS, LEAF STUDY, HARVESTING AND CHANGES IN WEATHER.



WINTER EXPLORATION WILL INCLUDE ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS AROUND: WINTER POETRY, SONGS AND ART, ANIMAL HIBERNATION, SNOWFLAKES AND CHANGES IN WEATHER.

