

FALL IS IN THE AIR

Officially beginning September 22, fall is a favorite season of many! Students shared that they adapt to the cooler weather and shorter days with a bowl of soup, an extra jacket, and a cup of hot cider. They enjoy raking leaf piles, carving pumpkins and sitting around camp fires. What do the plants and animals do as the seasons change, specifically...

- What do insects do in the fall? How do monarch butterflies survive the cold?
- Why do leaves change color?
- Why do some plants die and others come back next spring?

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Explorer Days are more comfortable for your child when dressed for the weather. This includes waterproof boots, and/or sneakers, pants, and layers/jackets. Check the LOW temperatures for each day and send hats, mittens and even snow pants (for warmth, even if there isn't snow on the ground yet) so we can explore outdoors all day comfortably. Please don't wear anything too fancy as we are likely to get dirty...sometimes learning and exploring can be a messy job!

GO EXPLORING!

See where you can explore as a family! Try hiking, biking, hunting, camping, gardening, bird watching or just enjoying the outdoors.

Be ready for a ton of questions from your child, but don't worry...you don't have to be an expert on ANYTHING! Just encourage your child's sense of wonder and curiosity by noticing and wondering about what you see. What does fall look like in your own backyard?



Birnamwood 5th Grade explored a real prairie! Special thanks to local land owner, Harrold Ehrenreich for inviting us!!



Though monarch have already migrated south, we explored the school forest looking for monarch habitat.



We made native seed "soil bombs" filled with plant seeds that will attract beneficial pollinators such as butterflies and bumblebees. Then we threw them in our pollinator gardens!



Blue Spotted Salamanders like to play in our play area too!