



Play in the Dirt: Empowering Educators to Take Learning Outdoors

Join us as we explore ways to utilize the outdoors as a natural learning environment for children to encourage exploration, wonder, and creativity! Using best practices in nature-based learning, you will be empowered to create experiences that spark student curiosity, deepen understanding of the world around them, and allow for application of academic skills in the outdoors. Participants will:

- learn about the value and benefits of outdoor education
- understand how nature functions as a teacher
- explore sample lessons and design lessons to incorporate into your own learning environment
- overcome personal and professional obstacles you may encounter when taking learning outdoors

"Active free play, ideally outdoors, is essential for your child's sensory and motor development. Allowing your children time and space to play outdoors on a daily basis can significantly improve and encourage healthy development."

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