Outdoor Learning

Fall Creek Elementary School has a plan for all weather outdoor learning.

Our Goal for Outdoor Learning
Learning outdoors encourages inquiry and a sense of purpose for our students. This creates a unique opportunity to expand place-based instructional strategies and our case study curriculum.

Outdoor Learning Gear
- Layers of clothing
- Change of clothing in a marked bag
- Rain gear and boots or extra shoes
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- Bug spray and sunscreen*

Outdoor Learning Health and Safety
Learning outdoors requires some of the same health and safety norms as learning indoors, as well as its own unique expectations and understandings.

- **Hand Washing:** To support hand hygiene, we have installed an outdoor hand washing station for students to use while learning outdoors. Face Coverings: Even when outdoors, it’s important to wear adequate face coverings whenever physical distancing can’t be maintained.
- **ADA/Universal Design:** Some of our playground equipment has been designed to accommodate students with and without disabilities
- **Ticks:** Visit cdc.gov/ticks for tips on how to prevent tick bites, safely remove ticks from your skin, and check for symptoms.
- **Sun Safety:** Putting on broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher before going outdoors helps protect skin from the sun’s UV rays. Check out more sun safety tips for families.

* These items may be applied at home, if the child needs it

Questions? Please contact the School Principal Caitlin Bram.

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<td>Spending time in and near nature can support academic success, foster social development, and improve learning. Read more about the benefits of spending times outdoors in nature on Academic and Social Development.</td>
<td>Time in nature has been found to decrease stress and improve mental well-being. Read more about how learning outdoors relates to mental well-being.</td>
<td>Spending time engaged with nature as a child can foster a sense of place, belonging, and connection to the environment. Read more about how learning outdoors can impact environmental stewardship.</td>
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If you need any of this gear for your child or if you would like to donate gear to our school, please contact School Principal Caitlin Bram.

**Resources:** Dressing For Success in All Seasons: A guide for teaching and learning outdoors