Weather, Water & Woods

Dear Parents,

"Love is where attentiveness to nature starts, and responsibility towards one's home landscape is where it leads..." These are the words of John Elder that are the inspiration for this year's Placed-Based Learning Ecology Study of Grant Brook entitled *Weather, Water, & Woods.* On most Friday afternoons throughout the year the class will have the unique opportunity to gather data, analyze the results, and witness the changes that occur to this beautiful ecosystem over the course of a school year. {"Authentic environmental commitment emerges out of firsthand experiences with real places on a small, manageable scale over time." (David Sobel)} The Lyme School's 4th & 6th Grades are also participating in an innovative collaborative program with Charlestown Middle School that will compare daily weather observations using each school's weather stations to look for patterns in our Upper Valley Micro Climate. In addition the 4th Grade will be participating in the Four Winds Nature Institute's "Earth" program and will also make weekly Friday afternoon visits to Grant Brook to engage in art, music, literature, math, and creative exploration to enrich our experience.

I'm very excited for this unique opportunity of research and discovery. We thank all the parents in advance for their support and cooperation. There may be questions as these programs evolve throughout the year, please contact us and we will respond to your inquires. A permission slip, with important information, is attached and needs to be signed and returned by September 7th so we can begin our exploration of *Weather, Water, and Woods...*

Thank You Very Much,

Mr. Dayno