PES OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

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Outdoor
Classroom

HOW IT ALL BEGAN...

- Desire to deepen the connection between where we live and the importance of keeping the environment healthy and vital
- Work on NGSS
- Partnership with Phippsburg Land Trust
- Utilize the outdoor classroom
- Integrate science learning in the outdoor classroom with other disciplines
- Search for grants

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM GOALS

1. Understand how “real life” science impacts the immediate Phippsburg ecosystem and its impact on the forest and watershed
2. Create a linear progression of interdisciplinary teaching which incorporates use of the PES outdoor classroom
3. Develop meaningful and engaging curriculum and sound instructional practices in science by incorporating the use of the outdoor classroom into existing and new NGSS units
4. Collaborate with the greater community in developing and recruiting volunteer scientist to assist in the outdoor classroom

MAINE

BENEFITS

- Facilitates Social Emotional Development
  - Problem Solving
  - Self Regulation
  - Resilience
  - Perseverance
- Supports Development of STEM Related Habits of Mind
  - Curiosity
  - Critical Thinking
  - Communication
  - Collaboration

HIGHLIGHTS

- OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CLEAN-UP
- PRE-K GARDENING
- KINDERGARTEN WRITING LESSON
- FIRST GRADE LABELING PARTS OF A PLANT
- SECOND GRADE
- THIRD GRADE TREE ADOPTION
- FOURTH GRADE INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL STUDIES UNIT
- FIFTH GRADE STEWARDSHIP
- PARTNERSHIP W/WOOLWICH IN CREATING NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM @ WCS

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QUESTIONS?