

Nature's Classroom Final Reminders

Matt Caliendo, the Nature's Classroom director from Charlton, recently gave a presentation to the students; everyone is getting excited about our upcoming adventure to Nature's Classroom from October 16 - 20. To ensure that the experience goes as smoothly as possible, please note the following reminders.



EQUIPMENT

Please review the Suggested Equipment List - what follows are some added TIPS.

- ❖ Each child will be responsible for carrying their own **gear**. Please use the equipment list as a guide, but don't overdo it.
 - Remember to borrow and/or bring used items. If you don't have hiking boots - sneakers will work.
 - If you don't have boots, it works to put plastic bags between shoes and socks to keep feet dry.
- ❖ If your child ordered an Earth Day T-shirt last spring - this is a great time for it.
- ❖ Children's **names** should be placed on luggage.
- ❖ Sleeping bags and pillows may be placed in **trash bags** to keep them dry.
- ❖ **NO electronics**: including cell phones, iPods, hair dryers
- ❖ **NO food or gum** except for a snack on the bus ride.
- ❖ Any electronics, food, medications, bandages, or vitamins that a student brings must be turned over to Nature's Classroom and will be returned to the parent on Friday.
 - Students with inhalers and Epipens may carry these items if their medication form indicates the usage.
- ❖ Students must have a **WATER BOTTLE** and **DAY PACK**.
 - The **day pack** will hold gear that is needed while the campers are away from the cabins - water bottle, extra layer of clothes, rain poncho, etc...
 - **Rain Poncho** - this doesn't need to be fancy - the ones that are sold inexpensively in a small pouch work well. Students are outside rain or shine.
 - **Day packs** with water and snack go **on the bus** with the student. All other gear - sleeping bag, suitcase - is stored underneath the bus.
- ❖ Students will be wearing **long pants** during the daily outside excursions.
- ❖ Bring an item for **quiet time** before bedtime - book to read, letter to write, drawing materials, journal to write in, deck of cards.

MEDICATION (including vitamins and bandages)

- ❖ If you have given permission for administration of medication specific to your child, please place it in a **zip lock plastic bag with your child's name on the front.**
- ❖ Parents must hand these medications to the teacher stationed by your child's bus.
- ❖ Each medication should be in its original container with the dosage information on the label and the child's name.
- ❖ Medicines from the nurse's office at MMS will NOT be brought along with us to camp. It is the parents' responsibility to supply and bring the medications to the bus teacher.
- ❖ If your child has a new medication that was not on the Medication Administration Form, you may print one from the MMS website or get one from the teacher stationed at your child's bus.
- ❖ Parents should pick up medications from the bus teacher on Friday.

DROP OFF

- ❖ Drop off of children and luggage will be **Monday 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.** at **Lorden Plaza** (at the opposite end of Shaws)
- ❖ Please drop off your child and their gear at the alphabetically assigned bus:
 - Bus 1 - Abraham - Francoeur
 - Bus 2 - Gagnon - Miller
 - Bus 3 - O'Callaghan - Zahn

**Buses will leave
promptly at
8:00 a.m.**

PICK UP

- ❖ **PICK UP** on Friday will be **2:45 p.m.** at **Milford Middle School.**

QUESTIONS????

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