

January 2019

Dear Fifth Grade Parent,

In a few days, the fifth grade students will hear from sixth graders who had the opportunity to participate in a residential environmental education program called *Nature's Classroom*. Last October, the



sixth grade went to *Nature's Classroom* in Charlton, MA, which enabled us to use an outdoor setting to facilitate the total education of our children through experiences that cannot easily be conducted in the classroom. For one week, Monday through Friday, the children and their teachers left the classroom and joined the staff of *Nature's Classroom* to learn firsthand in a natural environment. Through studying in this setting, students became more aware of the importance of their major classroom subjects.

We are currently making arrangements for your child's fifth grade class to attend *Nature's Classroom* from October 21-25, 2019. A representative from *Nature's Classroom* will be at the Milford Middle School to give a presentation for fifth grade parents (students are also welcome) on **Monday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the MMS café.**

The trip's cost to you will probably be around \$396; (this is last year's total as we do not have all of this year's costs) this includes the educational program, full time camp nurse, transportation, meals, accommodations, and staffing expenses. A deposit (1/3 of cost) will be due by March 7, with the second and third payments due in May and September. The actual trip's expense is more than your cost; however, fundraising will help reduce the rate for each student and provide scholarships. Attached please find the EARTH DAY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER.

*Attached is our Earth Day  
T-shirt Fundraiser.  
All proceeds go to our trip.*

The sixth grade teachers are looking forward to meeting the fifth graders later this school year; then offering a unique educational experience for them in the next school year.

**Nature's Classroom Presentation  
Monday, February 18  
6:30 p.m.  
Milford Middle School Cafe**