



Fiddleheads Forest School

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The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness.
~John Muir

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A Forest School in a Botanic Garden?



A Balancing Act

- Hurdles not roadblocks
- Sowing the seeds of a healthy school
- The intersection of horticulture and education



Working with Families

- Rain, snow, sleet, or hail
- Expecting the unexpected
- A relationship built on trust
- Cultivating dedication



Milo's Story

“It's been awesome to watch how the forest itself helped shape the educational experience for Milo over the past two years. When he first started attending he had a hard time identifying and regulating his emotions...We noticed some changes immediately after he started going to Forest School. On top of just learning about the natural world, it is wonderful to see him learn how to be more flexible about unexpected things that come his way through watching his teachers naturally adapt or, in some cases, completely change, their day's lesson plans as the forest throws new and different learning experiences at the class.”

-Milo's Father



Ordinary Learning in an Extraordinary Environment



From Fiddlehead to Fern: Transformation in a Forest School



Hope for our Future



Nature time
into family time



Growing
Fiddleheads



Continuing the
connection