

We are a new private elementary school now accepting registration applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

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School tours available.



Cultivating seeds of knowledge and discovery.

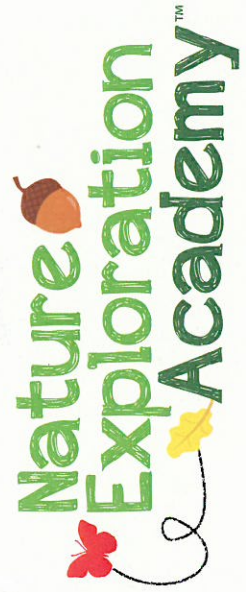


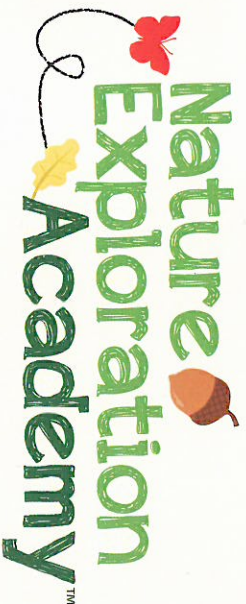
Children cannot bounce off the walls if we take away the walls.

- Erin Kelly

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OUR MISSION

The Nature Exploration Academy is focused on preserving, cultivating, and leveraging the joy of discovery innate to all children. Through a hands-on, nature-based curriculum, we encourage our students to be creative and compassionate, inspire them to deepen their connection to the natural world, and empower them to lead and succeed at the next level.

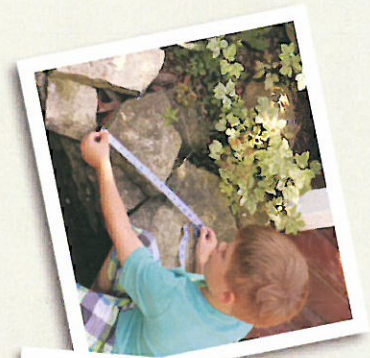
OUR HISTORY

The Nature Exploration Academy began as an idea by a group of parents from the Farm & Nature Discovery Preschool in Palos Park and Southwest Suburban Montessori in Palos Park, looking for a different school experience for their children. They envisioned a school that allows their children to connect with nature daily, develop a thirst for learning while allowing the teachers the freedom to teach without testing constraints. Rooted in nature and guided by Christian values, Nature Exploration Academy is 100% teacher and parent operated.



TIMELESS TEACHINGS IN A CHANGING WORLD

- we provide a hands-on science and nature based curriculum that inspires the children to be environmentally conscious & responsible.
- outdoor education and exploration is incorporated daily!
- children use all of their senses while learning ecology, gardening, botany, habitats and more.
- common core is met while supporting creative exploration in the arts and music.



OUR DIRECTOR

Audra Curtin is the Director of the Nature Exploration Academy. She is a Teacher and



Administrator with experience ranging from pre-school to the college level. Prior to starting the Nature Exploration Academy, Audra was the Substitute Director and a Teacher for 11 years at the Farm and Nature Discovery School in Palos Park, Illinois. Before that, she worked in Cicero District #99 as both a Special Education and Regular Education Elementary Teacher. She was also an Adjunct Professor at Moraine Valley Community College. She graduated from Lewis University and holds a Master's Degree in School Administration with a type 75 certificate and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a type 3 certificate. Outside of school, Audra enjoys spending time with her husband and three busy kids.

