

From the Director - September 2021

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The end of summer is always bittersweet. While there is a sadness to the shortening of the days and of having to bid farewell to the gaiety of summer, fall is such a magical season. There is something calming about this upcoming season and it is my favorite time of the year. I am even more excited for this fall because of all the programming that is in the works!



After School Children Exploring Cattails

I am happy to announce that we are launching our “Explore More! After-School” programs at **Wilmot**, **Marshdale**, and **King-Murphy Elementary** starting in October! These 7-week programs are perfect for children who love being active outdoors while learning new things. Each class consists of a short nature lesson driven by student interest, followed by activities such as games, art projects, nature journaling and nature walks! STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math) concepts are incorporated into each lesson. Studies have shown that children who spend more time outside in nature benefit by being more physically and emotionally healthy, so sign up your young nature explorer today so they can Explore More! Visit <https://evergreenaudubon.org/explore-more-after-school/> to register today!



We will also be starting a Pre-K program called “Little Dippers” for 4-6 year old nature enthusiasts! Our Little Dippers will meet weekly on Mondays starting in October from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Each week students will have the opportunity to explore and connect to the outdoors and local wildlife in new ways through scientific and artistic learning. Lessons include creating works of art using natural materials, utilizing science tools,

going on hikes, and participating in nature journaling. Visit <https://evergreenaudubon.org/events/little-dippers-preschool-explorers/> for more information!

These are just two of the series that I am excited to be launching this fall! Please check the website for additional details and continual updates regarding upcoming programs. I hope you are staying encouraged and I look forward to exploring nature with you this fall!