

50th Anniversary of Earth Day!!!

Dear Delaveaga Staff and Families,

Happy Earth Day!

A parent of one of our students works at a local outdoor environmental education program, Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools (ENH), and wanted to share a few indoor and outdoor activities to help connect students to the natural world during this challenging time of sheltering in place.

Enjoy!!!

Indoor/Outdoor Activities/Resources for Teachers, Parents, and Students

1. Sit spot: Find a special place in your yard or by a window and make it special or comfortable. Spend 5-10 minutes there 1-3 times a day, observing and doing different activities such as:

- Drawing: everything you see, one thing in detail, clouds or make up your own constellations
- Writing about: what you see, how you feel, how things look different at different times of day
- Making lists of: all the living, nonliving things, or colors you see each day or in cumulatively
- Taking pictures

2. Go camping: Set up a tent outside or build a fort inside and spend the night, reading books or telling stories.

3. Plant plants: Either in a patch of ground or a window box, plant seeds or starts and watch them grow. If they die, discuss why and then try again.

4. Tell nature stories: Share personal stories about transformational encounters outside with animals and places.

5. Live webcams all over the world: [A site](#) where families can watch nearly 100 wild and domestic animals 24 hours a day.