

WHAT YOU NEED TO GET YOUR STUDENTS OUTSIDE



Getting outside with students has so many benefits and is especially beneficial during Covid 19. Here are some ideas of what you need to get you and your class out the door.

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1 OUTDOOR SEATING

Outdoor seating is a must! Portable seats are easy to make and inexpensive, just needs some creativity. Cut up yoga mats, sleep mats, gardening knee pads, puzzle mats, large ziplocs filled with newspaper or sturdy buckets make for great seating.

2 FIRST AID KIT AND CELL PHONE

Safety first!! Make sure you have a well stocked, portable first aid kit and know how to use it. Also, be sure to have a charged cell phone with numbers of school and staff you need to contact in an emergency.



3 CLIPBOARDS

One for each student ideally! Great for helping with focused work outside

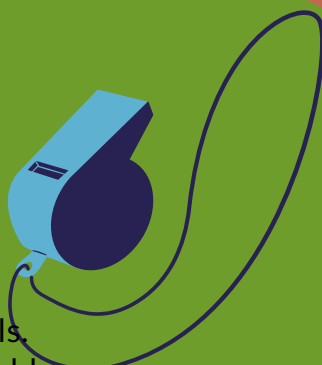


4 WHISTLES

Great tools for bringing your group back together or for students to have to use if ever they needed help. Teach them how and when to use them!

5 GUIDE BOOKS

Plant identification books are always handy, books about the trees and books about animals. As students are curious about the natural world around them, it is helpful to have a few key books for reference for nurturing their curiosities.



6 MAGNIFYING GLASSES AND OTHER TOOLS

Children are curious. Magnifying glasses, buckets and tools like spoons can support students exploration and creativity.



7 WAGON

A worthy investment.....Buy one sturdy wagon per cohort or per hallway, to fill with the supplies you need to do a morning or an afternoon outside..



8 ALL WEATHER GEAR

Make sure you have gear to keep you warm and dry and that your students are dressed to be outside. There is no bad weather, only bad gear. Donations and thrift stores can help supply students and for extras. A tarp can be useful for sitting on or for shelter too.



For more info, join our critical conversation *Getting Outside* on Thurs. October 1st at 3:30pm

Zoom link below to join:

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/62916619627?pwd=STdpcFcyK2U3cGVuZUpHamJoai9OZz09>