

LITTLE GREEN EXPLORERS

BOMBECK FAMILY LEARNING CENTER



In partnership with the UD Hanley Sustainability Institute, we're excited to offer sustainable practice tips, tricks, and activities for young children to support eco-friendly habits! This newsletter will provide practical ideas for incorporating sustainability into everyday life.



NATURE MUSEUM

We're excited to announce the launch of a Nature Museum at the Bombeck Family Learning Center! This new initiative will provide children with hands-on opportunities to explore and showcase local nature items. The museum will feature fascinating finds such as tree bark, seeds, pinecones, leaves, and other natural objects from the Dayton area, providing a direct connection to the environment around us.

Designed to spark curiosity and foster a love for nature, the museum will support early childhood development through sensory play, observation, and inquiry-based learning. Children will enjoy rotating exhibits, themed activities, and chances to explore and appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

We encourage families to join in by contributing local nature items from your backyard, neighborhood, or local park. Your contributions will enhance the museum's collection and provide endless exploration opportunities for the children.

Stay tuned for updates as we embark on this exciting, nature-filled journey!



DIY BIRD FEEDERS:

Teach children about recycling and the importance of helping wildlife. Use empty toilet paper rolls, peanut butter, and birdseed to create simple bird feeders. Children will spread peanut butter on the roll, roll it in birdseed, and then hang it outside.

RECYCLED PROCESS ART

Encourage creativity while teaching the value of repurposing materials. Provide a variety of recyclables like bottle caps, cardboard, and paper rolls. Children will use these items to create their own artwork or sculptures, exploring textures and colors.

COMPOSTING FUN

Introduce the concept of composting and the benefits of recycling organic waste. Set up a composting bin and show children how to add fruit and vegetable scraps. They can observe and discuss how these materials break down and turn into rich soil.

WATER CONSERVATION GAME

Teach the importance of conserving water. Set up a series of stations where children perform tasks like pouring water from one container to another, catching drips, and discussing ways to save water at home and in the classroom.

SUSTAINABLE SWAP

Tip: Keep reusables like water bottles, coffee mugs, cloth napkins, metal straws, and large grocery bags in the back of your car for easy access on the go. By having these essentials handy, you can effortlessly cut down on single-use plastics and make eco-friendly choices wherever you are.

**CHILDREN WHO LOVE NATURE WILL
ULTIMATELY GROW UP TO DEFEND IT**