

Nearby Nature Is In The Yard!

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Maryann Ayers and her class started a project called Nearby Nature to learn more about nature and the outside world. They started this project this year, but the idea for the project came from a book called, *Last Child In The Woods*. The book is by a man who was working with kids who had ADHD. He found that they were calmer when they were outside.

Nearby Nature is a learning experience to learn about the outdoors. During Nearby Nature Maryann's class studied leaves, rocks, bark, and kept journals of the temperature, date and weather. They learned how to measure how tall a tree was with just a stick! They even taught us how to do it! Another thing they learned was how to identify different types of trees. Maryann's class learned and observed outside more closely in every Nearby Nature class.



The students like the fun atmosphere of being outside in nature. Maryann observed that her students are more focused outdoors. She's glad that she started Nearby Nature because she loves nature and sees the educational value in it. Many teachers are thinking of doing Nearby Nature too. Maryann sees educational benefits for her class too.

The students have been learning a lot from being outside in Nearby Nature. When you are younger, you go outside more often than when you're older. So remember, you're never too old to go out to learn and enjoy from nature!!!!!!!!