

2026-2027

Nature Kindergarten

Outdoor Classroom - Clothing List

A base layer- long johns and shirt (not cotton) preferably polypro or merino wool

Mid-layer-fleece top and bottoms (from second-hand store if you can find)

Outer-layer- waterproof pants and jacket (**make sure pants do not have a bib**) Oakie Wear, MEC, Costco are great options.

Socks- merino wool if possible (not cotton)

Gloves/mittens- fleece mitts are great. MEC also has a few good pair of mitts. It is a good idea to have multiple inexpensive pairs of mittens (the dollar store variety) to store in their To-Go Kits. It is nice to have a dry pair of gloves to put on those very wet days.

Boots- rubber boots are not the greatest as feet get cold and they are slippery. Bogs boots have been great.

Outside Backpack- A top down-loading pack that is made for hiking and fits ergonomically for a child 4-8 is recommended.

Eyas Daypack

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5058-230/Eyas-Daypack>

or

Deuter Jr. daypack from mec (item 5031-512)

<https://www.mec.ca/en/product/5060-198/Junior-Daypack>

*Have extras of everything. This is so you do not have to do laundry every night!

*Multiple pairs of extra gloves- Knitted ones are fine, but waterproof ones for the wet season is highly recommended.

*A warm child is a happy child! Learning is difficult if you are uncomfortable.

*Scallywags, MEC, second-hand stores, Valhalla, Costco - these are all great places to look.

*****Label all gear!** A colourful tag or ribbon tied onto things also helps your child to identify everything. It helps us get things back to the right child as all gear is similar!

Please put these things in the outside backpack, in a waterproof/Ziplock bag:

- Band-Aids and medical swabs
- Emergency ration (protein or granola bar)
- Emergency space blanket
- Contact information (name and school-waterproof)
- Tissue (small pack)
- Chap-stick
- Flashlight (small and light)
- Sunscreen
- Something comforting – like a family photo

In Outside Backpack out of Ziploc bag:

- Water Bottle – Child friendly (easy to open)
- Gloves
- Hat
- Extra layers
- Lots of healthy filling snacks