Dewdney Elementary School
C.O.R.E.
(Community Outdoor Recreation and Environment)
Education Program

“Let Nature be your teacher”
William Wordsworth
Why outdoor education?
What the research is saying....

- Learning outside the classroom raises educational standards
- It makes a powerful contribution to curriculum aims
- Outdoor activity helps to address health problems and enhances wellbeing

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- it builds cross-cultural understanding and can change communities,
- it helps to reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and disengagement from education,
- it helps young people to manage risk and encourages them to welcome challenge.

Research on the importance of outdoor learning

“…growing body of research indicating that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children”.

Scientific evidence that “direct exposure to nature is essential for physical and emotional health... may reduce the symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and that it can improve all children’s cognitive abilities and resistance to negative stresses and depression”.
Our Vision

To make connections between outdoor experiences and classroom learning
Our Mission

To motivate kids to engage in their natural surroundings, local agricultural community, and the broader ecological world through an adventure and discovery-based curriculum.
Our goal is to get kids outside...
discovering, inquiring, learning...
How are we doing this?

Vegetable Gardening and Harvesting
Worm Composting
Exploring Science

Ecosystems
Wind
And
Weather
Field trips
Recycling
Team Building
And
Wilderness
Survival
Rope

Work
Rock Climbing
Nature Walks Hikes Salmon Release Aboriginal teachings
Other plans for the year

Wilderness survival continued

Snow adventure

Water safety and kayaking
What are our future plans
We are working on outdoor education and play center plans
A learning place
...to inquire
Mud kitchen

Play and explore
Artful touches
Loose parts play

Creativity
Imagination
Problem Solving

...hmmm
Rich language opportunities

...writing, storytelling
Props
...discover
Thank You!
Are you interested?
Contact Dewdney School

Registration Process

QUESTIONS?