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Learning Beyond the Classroom Walls

The new Outdoor Education program is up and running! Students in Kindergarten-8th grade receive instruction within this new program that allows students to experience the benefits of having more time outdoors and increased physical activity during the school day.

In addition, one of the academic goals of the program is to provide outdoor experiences for students to extend their learning and have students apply this learning to real world situations. One way this has already been put into practice is with the 4th grade students. In their classroom setting, the 4th graders have

been learning about maps, and in their Outdoor Education class, the students took on the role of Lewis and Clark and were tasked with the challenge of developing their own map of the walking trail through the woods! They spent time in Outdoor Education talking about map making, including a discussion on how to utilize landmarks along the trail to place on their maps. It was a great way for students to engage in a hands-on learning experience while also including movement as they went through the woods.

We are excited to continue engaging students in this type of learning, and we know that students will benefit from the learning completed through this program. If you have specific gifts or interest in helping with aspects of the Outdoor education program, feel free to reach out. We'd love to have you share your gifts with us.

As the Outdoor Education program continues to take shape this year and beyond, our prayer for the students is that they can further develop love and understanding of the creation God has given us and how we can tangibly exhibit our Creation Caring faithline. It's a beautiful world God has gifted us with!

- Tyler Van Schepen, Elementary Principal





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