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## Nature-Based Teacher Talks for K-5 Teachers

January, February, March & April 2024 • 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Offered by the Harris Center for Conservation Education • Free  
Facilitated by Janet Altobello and Jaime Hutchinson

You're invited to an afterschool series of local teachers presenting how they create and guide nature-based learning experiences for their K-5th grade students. We created this series to shine a light on these teachers' stories and share them within the Harris Center's partner school districts.

**JANUARY 25 • Laura White from Chesterfield School:** As a seasoned fifth grade teacher, Laura strives to help children build a relationship with the outdoors by visiting the same place through the seasons — developing comfort, ease, and attachment, much like a friendship with a person. Laura will share the routines she uses with her class for their outdoor work, from Sit Spots to place-based projects to free exploration through the lens of blending the heart and mind.

**FEBRUARY 8 • Morgan Cooper from Jaffrey Grade School:** In 2020-2021 Morgan taught her 4th and 5th grade class full time outside! She will reflect on that remarkable experience sharing how she organized the day, the outdoor space, and curriculum. She will share her observations of children building skills and attitudes of flexibility, problem-solving, and self-regulation, while being members of a safe and focused caring community in all weather. Now, back in the classroom with a full schedule of support services for children, Morgan will share her thoughts about integrating nature-based teaching in the classroom.

**MARCH 28 • Jess Arrow from Symonds School in Keene:** Jess will share her story of connecting her kindergarten class to nature, both in the classroom and in the forest they call Raven's Wood, on the edge of the school playground. She will share routines, and what the children are busy doing when she observes a happy hum of activity. Jess has rallied her kindergarten colleagues to include the forest as an essential part of kindergarten play-based learning, where children learn and practice skills that carry over and enhance all areas of learning during the school day.

**APRIL 11 • Jenn Sutton from Bennington's Pierce Elementary School:** Jenn weaves together her love of children, nature, and community in her role as a 3rd grade teacher. Jenn will share her story of teaching about the spring salamander migration, involving children and families as community scientists helping salamanders cross roads to reach vernal pools, and how she is beginning a study of the red-backed salamander population in the forest near her school.



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