



EXPLORERS WEEK

Monday

Activity: Become a Tree Detective

Tuesday

Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park

Wednesday

Activity: Natures Paint Brush

Thursday

Activity: Navigation Skills

Friday

Activity: Knot Tying



About Explorers Week

During Explorers Week, children will immerse themselves in the fascinating world of trees and their history. They will have the opportunity to engage with nature through hands-on activities, allowing them to create unique art pieces inspired by the beauty of the outdoors. Additionally, they will learn essential navigation skills using a compass, enhancing their ability to explore their surroundings. To further enrich their experience, children will discover the practical applications of tying various knots, which are valuable skills for any young adventurer. This week promises to be both educational and fun, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and the skills needed to explore it.

1- Monday



Today, we're going on an adventure to explore trees! First, let's examine the leaves—are they big and broad or small and pointy? Then, check out the bark—what colors and textures do you see?

As we explore, look for flowers or cones. Flowers can be colorful and fragrant, while cones might be spiky.

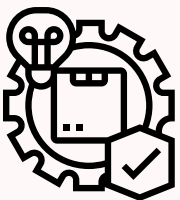
Afterward, we'll solve the mystery of the trees we found using a field guide. Let's match the leaves and bark to pictures in the guide and become tree detectives! Ready? Let's go!

2-Tuesday



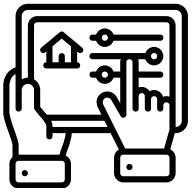
We are thrilled to explore the outdoors at Silver Falls State Park! Our adventure includes hiking scenic trails, visiting waterfalls, and discovering diverse plants and wildlife. We'll learn about unique ecosystems, conservation importance, and the stories behind the landscapes, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature. Join us on this unforgettable journey into the wilderness!

3-Wednesday



Today, we will embark on a wonderful adventure to gather natural materials like sticks, leaves, and fallen flowers to transform them into paintbrushes. With our nature-inspired tools, we'll explore the various types of paintings we can create using the unique items we've collected.

4-Thursday



This week children become skilled navigators while having fun. They will learn to use a compass, understand cardinal directions, and read maps, including creating their own. By the end of the week, children will gain confidence in exploring their surroundings with their navigation skills. Get ready for an adventure!

5-Friday



Today, children will embark on an exciting journey into the art of knot tying. This hands-on activity not only engages their creativity but also serves as a valuable tool for developing fine motor skills, which are crucial for their overall growth and learning.

As they learn to tie different knots, such as the square knot, bowline, and figure-eight, they will enhance their hand-eye coordination and dexterity. Each knot requires focus and precision, offering children the opportunity to practice patience and perseverance as they master each technique.

To make the experience even more enjoyable, the session can be infused with storytelling or games that relate to knots, such as nautical themes or climbing adventures. Children could also work in pairs or small groups, promoting teamwork and communication as they help each other learn.

By the end of the day, not only will the children have acquired a new skill, but they will also have had fun, and felt a sense of accomplishment as they tie their first successful knots. This activity lays a foundation for future exploration in various fields, including camping, sailing, and even crafting, encouraging a lifelong appreciation for hands-on skills.