
Dear Parent or Guardian,

I wanted to let you know about an exciting program your child is involved in this year.

We're using *Audubon Adventures* in our classroom. *Audubon Adventures* is an award-winning environmental education program about the natural world and how to protect it.

This year, through *Audubon Adventures* we're learning about the amazing variety of birds, about all kinds of owls, and about long-legged wading birds like cranes, egrets, and storks. When we learn about birds we learn about how all living things are connected to and affected by the other organisms—animals, plants, and human beings—they share their habitats with.

You can participate in your child's learning and experiences in a variety of ways.

- **Encourage** your child to share facts, experiences, and impressions gained through *Audubon Adventures*. Ask questions and look for opportunities to support your child's interest, demonstrate your own interest, and extend the discussion.

- **Discuss** what your family can do to protect and restore local habitats, which in turn will benefit people and the animals and plants that depend on them.
- **Talk** with your child about how every effort to improve the health of the planet matters, no matter how big or small.
- **Figure out** ways your family can incorporate habits of respect for the environment into your daily life. These might include recycling, reducing the amount of waste the family produces and resources such as water and energy that the household consumes, using nature-friendly products, and planting native plants.
- **Observe, learn about, and enjoy** the natural world together by paying attention to the animals and plants that live right outside your door; going on nature walks in the neighborhood or in a nearby park; visiting a nature center; spending quiet, unstructured time outside.

Above all, have fun!

Your child's teacher