

# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding **Nature Preschool** Philosophy



How do you teach children **Math Skills**?

- We count
- We measure
- We sort
- We compare
- We use tools
- We use manipulatives for patterns, sizing, and grouping
- We cook together
- We play games with numbers, patterns, and groups
- We use mathematical language
- We sort materials both natural and manufactured
- We sing counting and number songs
- We add and subtract

How do you teach children **Literacy Skills**?

- We read to children
- We use complex language including scientific words
- We sing together and use rhyming and phonetics
- We encourage book handling and introduce print concepts
- We journal
- We write cards, letters, and notes
- We cook together
- We write in front of children as models
- We use children's names and the letters in them
- We play guessing games involving names, letters, and words
- We provide unlimited writing opportunities that are both in-context and self-motivated



How do you teach children **Social and Emotional Skills**?

- We use Conscious Discipline®
- We facilitate problem solving
- We encourage self-reliance
- We acknowledge feelings
- We celebrate our differences
- We give children time to work, play, and transition
- We care for animals and plants
- We work in groups and independently
- We model appropriate behavior
- We give clear expectations
- We create sense of family and community

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Will my child get **dirty**?

**YES!**

