



Dear Teachers,

We are excited to be working with teachers and students again. While we wish we were able to be in the forest with you and your students, for now going virtual is the best way to share our love of the forest with students. We strive to make our lessons educational, hands-on, and as fun as possible in a virtual setting.

Our lessons are centered around five videos that Kelly was a part of making for Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) last summer. They are Tree Identification, Age of a Tree, Layers of a Forest, Wildlife Detective, and Forest Products. We plan to add new lessons to our program and the next ones will be about erosion and forest fires.

On the following page are the standards for our each of our lessons which were put together by Hattie Osborne of Pacific Education Institute (PEI). This page also includes Pre, Post, and Extension activities. These are optional activities and suggestions on how to use our information in your classroom or for students to do outside of school. We encourage you to join our new Facebook page, The Neighborwood, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4495891857149300>. We post weekly and feature family activities, fun facts, stories, and shared links about the environment.

Please have your students prepared with a piece of paper (any type) and a pencil for our presentation. Each lesson will have things for the students to write or items to draw. We also like to be as interactive as we can through the chat function. We tried to make all our lessons accessible for all student no matter wherever they are located or what type of environment they live in.

We would love your feedback on our lessons; areas of improvements, suggestions, or how you used the information after our class presentations. Also, we would like to receive feedback from the students with letters or ideally one of the post writing assignments.

Thank you for being part of our new virtual Environmental Education program. Our goal is to see you and your students back in the forest soon but until then welcome to our new program!

Kind Regards,

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