

*Environmental Leadership Program*

# RESTORING CONNECTIONS

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# Presentation Overview

## OUTLINE OF TOPICS

What sets us apart  
Activities in the field  
Methods  
Results  
Group Lessons  
Acknowledgments  
Community Partners



# What Sets Us Apart

## A SHARED VISION

Our team worked to create a 4th grade curriculum to integrate environmental education into existing science standards.

## A WORTHY CAUSE

Instilling a sense of stewardship in today's youth by connecting them to their local ecology.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Integrating Coyote mentoring, different intelligences, and various hands-on activities allows us to engage as many students as possible.

## A FRESH ROUTINE

Taking Adams Elementary students to Mt Pisgah Arboretum three times a year K-4th grade develops long-term connections.

# Plant Yourself Firmly



## IN CLASS PRE-TRIP

Our pre-trip lessons take about 40-50 minutes and take place in Adams Elementary School classrooms.



## FIELD TRIP

Guided and interactive walking tours through different habitats of Mt. Pisgah.

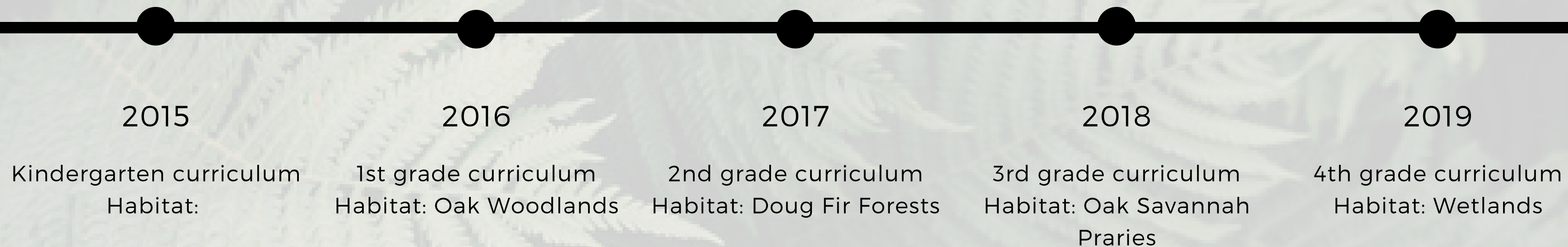


## LONG-TERM CONNECTION

Our goal is to create a long-term connection between students and their local environment.

# *Historic Timeline*

## **PAST CURRICULUMS AND HABITAT FOCUSES**





## COYOTE MENTORING

These approaches embody natural child passions such as games, storytelling, song and dance, riddles, and art to create an exciting educational experience.

## ENGAGED PEDAGOGY

A philosophy of teaching that involves empowering students by deconstructing the unhealthy power dynamics in the classroom and encouraging students to participate in their own learning experiences.





288+

*Elementary students, grades K-3, taken to Mt. Pisgah Arboretum so far this term.*

Not including chaperones and aides that also attend field trips.





## TEACHING REFLECTION

Group management, Attention getting techniques, playing to strengths and weaknesses

## ACADEMIC REFLECTION

Adaptation and flexibility! Connected to local ecology more personally, more active in our education process as well as our students'.





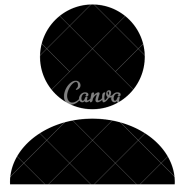


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# *Community Partners*

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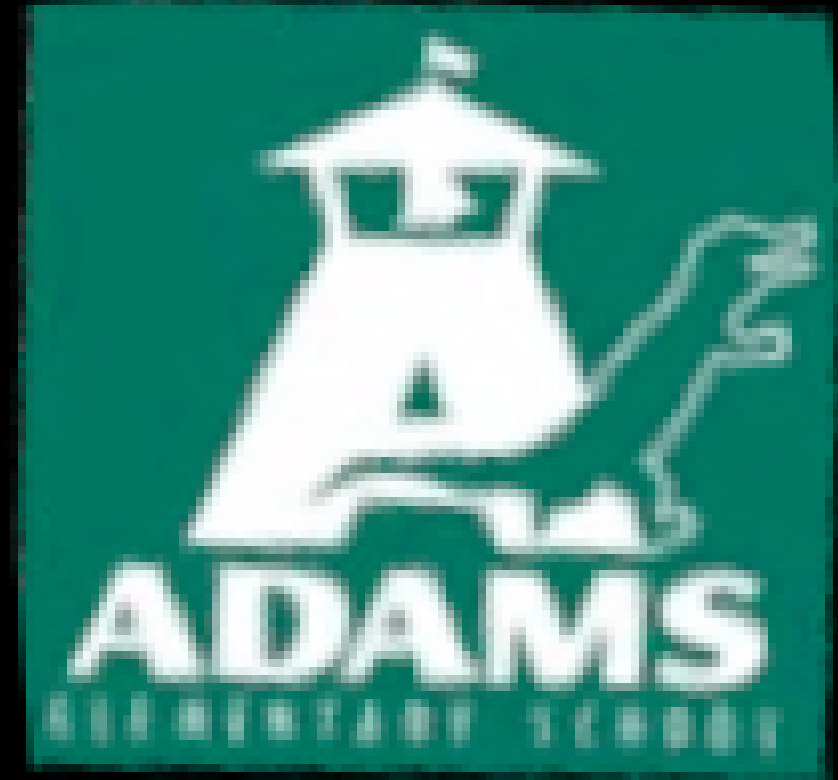
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