

Highcrest Middle School - Guidelines for the Outdoor Classroom

What Kids Can Do To Help:

Water anything (especially pots) with watering cans, not hoses!
Sweep and rake leaves from sidewalks
Pick up apples and dispose of them in the green compost bin
Rotate the compost bin
Coil hoses neatly, straighten the tool shed
Wash the three work tables
Fill the bird feeders from the aluminum bucket in the shed
Weed, plant and prune **with PTO maintenance supervisors only!**

What Kids Can Do Just For Fun:

Explore freely on garden paths!
Find bugs, butterflies, birds, and worms
Sketch, watercolor, and other art
Identify prairie and woodland flowers with books
Read, chat, and just relax
Sharpen pencils
Special craft activities described on laminated sheets
Dig with hand shovels in the designated dig tree stump area
“Paint” with Pokeweed berry juice in the Fall (in one designated area)

What Kids Can't Do:

Run, shout, “hide and seek” or other forms of energetic physical activity!
Trod on plants (yikes!) by walking off the paths
Walk close to classroom windows
Use magnifiers to try to start a fire ☺ !
Spray each other with the hose
Harm any plant or animal - including bugs and insects
Weed, plant or prune **without a PTO maintenance supervisor** present
Catch bees in clear plastic boxes
Move wood branches and stumps to other locations
Roll or jump on stumps
Eat any berries, leaves, or roots (some plant parts are poisonous in large quantities)
Fly paper airplanes
Build a structure, e.g. a fort or habitat