

# Science, Nature Play and Learning PLC:

For Childcare Professionals and Educators Pre-K through Grade 3

Children develop curiosity, wonder, a sense of place, and an appreciation for the earth when they play in nature and with nature. In their nature-based play, children encounter natural phenomena, ask meaningful questions, work collaboratively, solve problems, communicate, and practice science and engineering skills. **Join this Science, Nature Play and Learning professional learning community (PLC)** of childcare professionals and early elementary educators who would like to, or already do, provide regular and extended nature-based play and learning opportunities for children.



This PLC will support early childhood professionals and teachers as leaders, leverage local resources and community connections, and foster lasting changes in teaching practice. Topics will emerge from the interests and needs of the group, examples include: adult role, physical spaces, benefit-risk assessment, observing & documenting learning, parent communication, and building a peaceful community. **By registering for this PLC, you commit to all 3 sessions:**

**February 29, 2020, 8:30-1:30**, Bradford Elementary School, Bradford VT

**March 28, 2020, 8:30-1:30\***

**April 25, 2020, 8:30-1:30\***

\*Location TBD and will rotate between teaching sites of participants

## Each PLC workshop will include:

- extended time outdoors at each site, school forest, or natural playscape
- a light and nutritious meal
- suggested resources to enhance discussions
- welcome and closing circles
- monthly commitments to enrich/extend nature-based play and learning opportunities for students
- reflection and support for changes in practice

**Cost** \$60 per participant for all 3 workshops  
15 hours of professional development  
Graduate credit available for additional fee of \$185  
Maximum enrollment 15

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