

Nature Walks and Creek Groups

An important part of our preschool program includes nature walks. These are an excellent means of expanding children's knowledge of the world around them and themselves. We will invite groups of 2-6 children, depending on ages and development, at a time to visit the creek for magical learning experiences. Parents must sign the walking field trip permission slip for children to participate in a Creek Group.

Whenever near the creek, we will be aware of hazards and will be prepared. Being water competent in natural water requires additional knowledge and skills that are different than those in the pool. The State requires educators to have a valid water-safety certificate, including ensuring our school follows all Licensing water requirements. Children are always well-supervised on excursions.

The participating children in the Creek Group will learn about water safety, including the rules, expectations, and agreements about visiting the creek. There is so much magical learning that will happen, which includes the experiences below:

- Hands-on learning about nature, water, and the environment.
- Hike with friends in a small group and learn about local plants and animals.
- Conduct earth science experiments and learn to look at surroundings in new ways.
- Outdoor creativity like making "boats" to observe stream flow and exploring creek habitats.
- Self-expression through drawing what they see and experience.



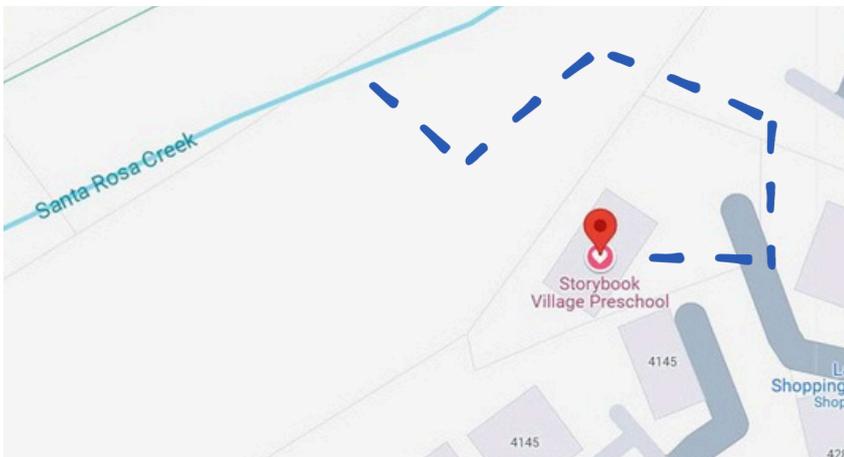
"That's the sun and that's the rainbow and I'm standing with flowers around me."





Walking Field Trip to the Creek

Storybook Village Preschool borders the Santa Rosa Creek, which creates a wonderful opportunity for the children and grown-ups to explore, research, and experience nature. Nature is our preschool playground, and we will invite small groups of 2-6 children, depending on ages, at a time to visit the creek for magical learning experiences.



The children and grown-ups will dive into the wonders of the plant world, look for birds and wildlife, and observe the creek ecosystem. Footing is relatively flat but may be uneven along the way. The children and grown-ups will get to discover the hidden jewel beyond our preschool yard.

Please sign below and return this portion of the permission slip to the school:

_____ has my permission to participate in nature walks and small-group learning experiences with the teachers at the Santa Rosa Creek.

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____