

Reflect: We Had a Great Trip at Forest Valley...Now What?

“Learning does not end with presentation but rather with reflection, reflexivity, and action. As a function of learning, learners need to position themselves differently in the world: business ought not to go on as usual.” (Harste, 2001, p. 15)
[Pedagogical Documentation Revisited, Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, Capacity Building, 2015](#)



A field trip to Forest Valley should not end with getting on the bus and going back to the classroom. In order to complete the learning cycle, please engage your students in a learning conversation about the observations that were made during the field study.

If you, your students or Forest Valley Staff made artwork, took notes or photographs of your learning, **share** them, **talk** about them and **make a new plan of action!** Information on accessing Google Drive can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website (<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/forestvalley/>).

Guiding Questions to Extend the Learning

- “What did you observe?”
- “What connections can you make to our learning goal?”
- “How do you know you met the success criteria?”
- “What do you still wonder?”
- “Now what?”

Please send photos, videos or written artefacts that document the learning back in the classroom and we will feature them (if you are willing) on our website and at our Open House to help other teachers see how to connect their outdoor learning back in the classroom! Samples of student learning can be sent to ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca of via courier to Forest Valley OEC, Route NW11.

Possible Follow-up Activities: Grade 1 Energy in Our Lives

- investigate ways to conserve energy in the classroom, at the school and at home
- connect with your Eco Schools Committee to get your class involved in an Energy Conservation Campaign
- expand community connections by creating multi-media posters to inform others about energy use

- investigate how the sun affects water, soil and air in the classroom and record the results
- grow plants back in the classroom and measure their growth
- talk to your Eco-Schools committee and caretaker about ordering mulch from the Facilities department to help the trees at your school
- make pinecone birdfeeders or recycled material bird feeders to help the birds at your school
- explore further literacy connections by reading these titles available to borrow from Forest Valley (ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca or 416-395-5110)

